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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

Summer Term commences 2d. day before 1st 5th day in 5th m
Winter Term 2d day before 1st - 5th day 11th month. —

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At a meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 6th. Month 29th. 1847. Present Ten members viz. David Buffum, Thomas Anthony, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Lydia Congdon, Joanna Peck, and Eunice Metcalf.

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year.-

The following extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting were received and read viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 13th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 14th. of sixth month, 1847.

It appearing that a certain tract of land, of about ten acres was purchased by the donation left by our late friend Moses Brown, to this Meeting for the purchase of Real estate for the Institution, in addition to that contemplated by him, and that it was found necessary to procure this, in order to obtain that designated to be appended to the School premises by the donor — And it being the sense of the Committee, that the interests of the Institution would be promoted by selling this portion of land and appropriating the income to be derived from the amount obtained by its sale to the improvement of the rest of the real estate — The School Committee to be appointed by this Meeting are authorized to effect such sale, and the Treasurer

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of the School Fund is requested to execute on our behalf any instrument that may be neceſsary to convey a legal title to the same".

"It being suggested that in some special cases usefulneſs might result from admitting into the Boarding School, some children closely connected with Friends, who are by our present regulations excluded therefrom; the subject is referred to the following Friends to report their judgment in relation thereto, to a future sitting of this Meeting viz. Thomas Anthony and others."-

"As the time of service of three of the members of the School Committee appointed last year will expire at the present time, agreeably to our present arrangement; the Committee appointed on the subject of the admiſsion of Scholars) are requested to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of three Friends to serve on the School Committee in place of our friends Perez Peck, John Meader, and Samuel Boyd Tobey whose names stand first on the list last year".-

"Fifth day afternoon"- "The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the Boarding School made the following report viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting"

"The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the Boarding School, report: That in their judgment usefulneſs might result from admitting into the Boarding School in some special cases, children who are not members of our society, who are under the care of Friends and being brought up as such— The compensation to be $45.- per annum".-

"We propose the following Friends, in place of those

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whose time of service has expired according to the regulations adopted at our last Yearly Meeting viz. Thomas Anthony, George Howland Jr., Gideon C. Smith Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle"

"On behalf of the Committee"

"Lemuel Jones"
"Ruth Earle"

"which is satisfactory, and our friends Thomas Anthony George Howland Jr. and Gideon C. Smith are appointed on the part of this Meeting in addition to those now under appointment viz.- Samuel Taylor Jr. John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene, to superintend the various concerns of our Boarding School at Providence, with the usual powers confided by this Meeting to the School Committee and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year." - "Womens Committee.- Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Susan Howland, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Almira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, and Ann B. Earle."-

"The Committee are authorized to dispense with the Meetings at the School House during the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, if they deem it best to do so — it being understood that the children and family can attend the Meetings of Friends in Providence"

The Committee on Teachers, with the exception of those who are not now members of the School Committee are again continued.-

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The Committee continued last month to complete the inventory, not having accomplished the service are again continued - and requested to propose some member of the family to act as librarian.-

The Committee to settle the accounts and transfer the balance in the hands of the former to the present Superintendent, report the service accomplished.-

Reports from both Schools are received; the present number of Scholars is 51 - viz. 29 Boys and 22 Girls.- Reports of receipts and expenditures for the last month, were also received and read.-

The Committee of the last month for the more immediate care of the Schools made report as follows which is satisfactory.-

"The Committee appointed to have the more immediate care of the School for the 6th. month - Report - That all of their number have visited the Institution, and some time has been devoted to its concerns.- Our friends Silas Cornell and wife, have entered upon the duties of their engagement, and are proceeding in a satisfactory manner.- Their daughter Sarah A. Cornell is in the East Wing as an aſsistant teacher with we think a prospect of usefulneſs - The number of pupils about as usual at this season of the year.

"In the West wing two boys have entered and two left, present number 29. Claſses remain about as last month.- In the girls school one admitted and one left school, at present 22 in number - No changes in studies or claſses, material to mention Some of the performances were witneſsed in both ends of the house by the Committee, which were satisfactory.-

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"The Committee would invite attention to the subject of furnaces for warming the house and apparatus for cooking, believing both may be done at less expense - The gradual improvement of the grounds particularly in front of the house, they would also introduce for consideration". -

"William A. Robinson for the Committee"

"Providence 6 mo. 29. 1847." -

The Yearly Meeting having authorized the sale of a tract of land of about ten acres, belonging to the Institution, lying North of Olney Street - We appoint Stephen A. Chase, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, William A. Robinson & Samuel Boyce to consider the expediency of proceeding in such sale at the present time - and report to our next meeting. -

The subject of dispensing with meetings at the School House at the time of the Yearly Meeting is postponed for future consideration. -

We appoint Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Gideon C. Smith and William A. Robinson to cause the furnaces for warming the house to be put in order, and if necessary rebuilt, and additional furnaces provided if found expedient for the thorough and economical warming of the house. - And they are also authorized and desired to procure and have introduced a suitable apparatus for cooking for the family - either in connexion with the warming furnaces or otherwise. -

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The Superintendent is authorized and requested to cause gravelled walks to be laid out, in the grove on the Easterly side of the avenue - and to make some alteration in the fences in front of the house, with a view of introducing shrubery & flowering plants - These improvements to be made under the superintendence of the Committee appointed on the subject of warming the house &c with the addition of Lydia Congdon, Eunice Metcalf and Joanna Peck.-

Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyce, Mary B. Allen and Elizabeth Osborn are appointed to have the more immediate care of the Schools, and the affairs of the Institution the ensuing month-

Signed by direction of the committee
Stephen A. Chase, clerk.-

Eighth Month 3d. 1847

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 8th month 3d. 1847 - Present, ten members viz.- Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Allen, Eunice Metcalf, Phebe R. Gifford and Ann B. Earle.-

Reports from the Schools were received and of the course of exercises and classes - The present number of Scholars is 47 viz 28 Boys and 19 Girls

A. French Grammer entitled Ollendorfs new method of learning to read, write and speak the

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French Language - being laid before us for examination; the Book is committed to Stephen A. Chase, George Rowland & Ann B. Earle & Phebe R. Gifford to determine on its character as a suitable text book for the School.-

The Committee heretofore under appointment on the subject of Teachers are released from further service - and we appoint Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Allen, Eunice Metcalf, Phebe R. Gifford & Ann B. Earle to take the subject of Teachers for the Schools, for the coming winter term into consideration, and report thereon to our next meeting - And they are desired in the mean time to pay such attention to the subject of Teachers, temporarily as the state of the Schools may require.-

The Committee on the inventory are again continued.-

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to consider the expediency of proceeding in the sale of a certain tract of land lying Northerly of Olney Street - Report, "that their judgment is, that it is expedient to proceed in "said sale, whenever favourable terms for the same may "be had".- It is therefore the conclusion of this Committee that it is expedient that the same shall be sold and conveyed - And we appoint Joseph Metcalf and William A. Robinson, to negotiate said sale, at such time and on such terms, as they may judge proper:- And the Treasurer of the School fund is desired at the request of said Committee to execute the neceſsary conveyances thereof.-

The Committee on furnaces for heating the House are continued - also the Committee to advise in relation to the improvement of the grounds &c.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools &c. the last month reported as follows

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which is satisfactory viz. – The Committee to have the immediate charge of the Schools for the past month have endeavoured to give such attention to their appointment as appeared necessary – Two of their number have spent about one day each at the Institution and one has spent over two days there – During these visits such attention was given to the recitations of the scholars and to their examination of the various studies in which they are engaged as appeared practicable: – and the evidence given of their diligence and proficiency, and of the faithfulness of the Teachers was satisfactory – the deportment of the scholars was orderly and invited our approbation – and we believe that all the inmates of the Institution are moving along under the new arrangement in much harmony

Signed Samuel Boyce
Providence 8th. Mo. 3d. 1847 Mary B. Allen

David Buffum, John Osborn, Elizabeth Osborn and Ann B. Earle, are appointed to have the more immediate care of the Schools and the affairs of the Institution during the ensuing month. –

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Eighth Month 31st. 1847

At a meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 8th. mo. 31st. 1847 – Present 14 members viz Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson, Eunice Metcalf, Susan Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle, Lydia Congdon

Reports from the Schools are received, the present number of scholars is 48 – viz. 30 males and 18 females. –

An account of receipts and expenditures for the last month is also laid before the committee

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George Howland Jr. reported that Ollendorfs new method of learning to read, write and speak the French language has been examined by the Committee appointed for that purpose and no objection appears to its use in the school.-

The Committee on Teachers inform that they have temporarily employed Lafayette Burr to give lessons in Latin and Greek daily to a class in the Boys school - at a compensation of $100.- per annum.- The same Committee are authorized to extend such arrangement for such time as they may judge desirable.-

The Committee on Teachers are continued for further service with the addition of Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr. Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Lydia Congdon and Susan Howland, and they are desired to confer with Silas Cornell as to the compensation of his daughter Alice as a teacher and report the same to our next meeting.-

The Committee on the inventory are again continued.-

The Committee to cause the furnaces for warming the Building to be repaired &c. inform that the work is in progress.- The Committee are continued.-

Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr., Lydia Congdon & Eunice Metcalf are appointed to have the more immediate care of the schools &c. during the coming month.-

Applications for admission are considered and the conclusions entered on the Book of Applications.-

The Committee for the more immediate charge of the schools &c. the last month, inform - That several of them have visited the school during the month, and given such attention to its concerns as appeared necessary

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Tenth Month 5th. 1847

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 10th Month 5th. 1847.- Present ten members viz.- Thomas Anthony, John Osborn, Joseph Metcalf, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Eunice Metcalf and Ann B. [illegible].-

Reports from the schools are received, the present number of scholars is 43 - viz. 28 males and 15 females

An account of receipts and expenditures for the last month is also laid before the Committee.-

The Committee on Teachers inform, that they have arranged with Lafayette Burr to continue to give lessons in Latin & Greek daily in the Boys school, thro' the coming winter term.- His compensation to be as already agreed viz. $100. per Annum.-

The Committee on Teachers inform that Charles Atherton will engage as assistant Teacher in the Boys school as heretofore, for the coming winter term, at a compensation of three hundred and thirty three Dollars for the term - Which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

The Committee on Teachers further inform, that they have engaged the services of Sarah Joye Brown to enter the School as assistant Teacher, for the coming winter term; she agreeing to take the charge of the scholars out of school hours, one half the time, and such share in the government of the school as may be necessary.- It being understood, that a Teacher is to be engaged to stand as first assistant, and the Sarah J. Brown as second.- Her compensation to be one hundred Dollars for the Term, which is also satisfactory to the Committee.-

The Committee on Teachers further inform that they apprehend the services of Martha Jenins of Lockport, New York, may be obtained as first Assistant Teacher in the Girls school - which after consideration appears to the Committee likely to prove satisfactory.-

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The Committee on Teachers are authorized to engage her services for the winter term, at such compensation as to them may seem reasonable and proper.-

The subject of the compensation to be made to Alice Cornell is with the consent of her father, postponed to the end of the year of her engagement.-

The Committee to cause the furnaces for heating the Building to be repaired or rebuilt, report the service as accomplished.-

The Committee to have the more immediate care of the schools, and the affairs of the Institution the last month, inform that they had paid attention to their appointment.-

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

Eleventh Month 2d. 1847.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held 11th. mo. 2d. 1847. present ten members viz. Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Rowland Green Thomas Anthony, William A. Robinson, Eunice Metcalf, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle & Joanna Peck.-

The Clerk being absent, William A. Robinson is appointed Clerk for the day.-

The Committee being informed that Martha Haines was at the Institution, an arrangement was made with her for first assistant teacher, for the compensation of one hundred and thirty Dollars for the present term. She is to take charge of the girls out of school, one half the time, & render such care of the school as shall properly belong to her situation.-

The subject of additional assistance in the Boys school claiming the attention of the Committee. Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson,

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David Buffum and Samuel Boyce are appointed to take the subject under their care, and make such arrangements for the present as they may find expedient and report to the next meeting.-

Those of the Committee who attended the recent examination not being prepared to make a full report, they are requested to do so at our next meeting.-

We appoint Rowland Greene, David Buffum Mary Shove and Phebe R. Gifford to have the more immediate care of the schools for the present month and report in the usual way at our next meeting.-

Several applications for admissions were received - acted on and marked on the application Book.-

Signed by direction of the Committee
William A Robinson
Clk for the day

Eleventh Month 30th. 1847

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 30th. of 11th. Month 1847 - Present 12 members viz. Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Ann B. Earle, Sophronia Page and Eunice Metcalf.-

The Committee to consider the subject of additional assistance in the Boys School, and to make such arrangements for the present as they might deem expedient - Report that they have made a temporary arrangement with Lindley Murray Moore, to come into the school as assistant teacher, and to take charge of the Boys out of school hours one third of the time and with the understanding that the arrangement

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with him should continue thro' the present term, at the rate of compensation for the time he may be employed of $300.- per annum.- Which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

George Howland Jr. on behalf of such of the Committee as attended the last examination of the schools, informed the Committee, that the examination was satisfactory — The more extended report in relation to the appearance of the Schools at that time is requested to be laid before our next meeting.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Committee to have the more immediate care of the schools for the past month informed, "that there had been attention paid to the appointment and some time spent in the schools by members of the Committee and the orderly deportment of the scholars, and the efficiency of the Teachers in the various departments of the school, are very satisfactory - and harmony appeared to prevail throughout the Institution"

Reports from the Schools have been received, the present number of scholars is 146 viz 82 Boys & 64 Girls.

On the 25th. of the present month, Thomas W. White from Elizabeth City, Pascotank County, North Carolina, aged 21 years son of   White — late a scholar in the school was removed by death — and on the 26th. his remains were interred upon the grounds belonging to the Institution, after a solemn meeting of the inmates of the school and several other Friends, held on the occasion.— The deportment of this young man is reported to have been, during all the time of his being at the school, orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed, given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction.—

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An account of the receipts and expenditures for the last two months was laid before the Committee and examined.–

George Howland Jr., Thomas Anthony, Ann B. Earle and Susan Howland, are appointed to have the immediate superintendence of the school for the ensuing month.–

Several applications for admission are considered and the conclusions entered on the Book of applications.–

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.–

First Month 4th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 1st. Mo. 4th. 1848 – Present 12 members viz. Rowland Greene, John Osborn, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Anthony, William A. Robinson, John D. Lang, George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, Ann B. Earle and Eunice Metcalf.–

Reports from the schools are received and examined – The present number of scholars is 145 viz 80 Boys and 65 Girls.–

The Superintendents account of receipts & expenditures for the last month is laid before the Committee and read.–

An extended report of the examination of the Schools at the close of the last term is presented on behalf of such of the Committee as attended that examination by George Howland Jr., which being read and examined, presented a satisfactory view of the literary state of the Schools at that time.–

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The Committee appointed to have the immediate care of the schools the last Month - reported as follows - Which is satisfactory — "The Committee appointed last month to have the more immediate care of the schools &c. during the month just now terminated - Report that they have given some attention to the duties of their appointment, and have spent several days in the schools and family - The deportment of the scholars, and attention to their studies were satisfactory to us, and we are pleased in being able to state, that the cause of complaint, in respect to wearing of ornaments, brought to our notice last month, has upon proper representation being made to the girls, been entirely done away, and that too, without any apparent hardness of feeling Entire harmony appears to prevail in the family

On behalf of the Committee

Providence 1st mo 4. 1848.- George Howland Jr.-

The Superintendent is authorized to purchase a Galvanic Battery at a cost not exceeding $30.-

It appearing by the report of the Girls school now before the Committee that 24 scholars are pursuing the study of the French Language - a fear prevailed that the study of the languages might take the place of those more important and more likely to qualify for the common duties of life.- It is our conclusion that the rule of the School, that the parents or guardians of scholars should first request that their children should pursue the study of the languages, should be adhered to - and the Committee of the Month for the more immediate care of the schools are to be consulted by the Teachers in cases of scholars proposing to pursue these studies.-

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We appoint William A. Robinson, John Osborn, Lydia Congdon and Eunice Metcalf to have the more immediate care of the schools, and the affairs of the Institution the ensuing month.—

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Second Month 1st. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 2d. Month 1st. 1848. Present eleven members viz.— Samuel Taylor Jr. William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Wing, Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Eunice Metcalf & Mary Shove.—

Reports from the Schools are received, read and considered — The present number of scholars is 150 viz. 79 Boys and 71 Girls.—

The principal object which Friends have had in view in the establishment and support of this Institution, having uniformly been to furnish a guarded education to the youth of our society, free from the trials and disadvantages of mixed schools— thereby giving an opportunity for our young Friends to acquire a knowledge of those studies which are more essential and more useful in the common business and pursuits of life in which they are most likely to be engaged — The Committee are now united in advising both teachers and scholars, to keep steadily in view the primary objects of the Instituti viz.— the furnishing as far as may be competent

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instruction in the indispensible acquirements of correct reading, writing a good hand, and spelling correctly, - together with such a knowledge of arithmetic, as is likely to come in use in their future pursuits. -

The clerk is desired to read the above minute to the Teachers and scholars. -

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools &c. the past month reported - "that "attention has been paid to their appointment, "The schools have been several times visited, and "various exercises witnessed, all of which have been "satisfactory - The deportment of the scholars was good, and the harmony of the family remains unbroken. -

Gideon C. Smith, Thomas Anthony, Sophronia Page & Phebe R. Gifford are appointed for the more immediate care of the schools & Institution for the ensuing month. -

The subject of the maintainance by the scholars in the schools of our rules in relation to plainness of dress and language being revived and considered, we appoint Samuel Taylor Jr., Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Sophronia Page & Elizabeth Wing to consider of the propriety of again impressing upon Friends in the several Monthly Meetings the necessity of renewed care in respect to plainness of speech and dress with the children who propose to come to the school, and if way should open to prepare an essay of a minute to be transmitted to the several monthly Meetings on this subject. -

Adjourned, to meet this afternoon. -

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Afternoon met by adjournment.-

The Committee since the adjournment in the morning - have visited each of the schools, and according to ability received, imparted such advice counsel and encouragement as way opened for.- We may thankfully acknowledge that these opportunities have been seasons of satisfaction an encouragement.-

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

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At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 2d. Month 29th. 1848.- Present thirteen members viz.- Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson, Samuel Taylor Jr. Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnham, Eunice Metcalf & Lydia Congdon

Reports from the Schools were received, read and examined - The present number of Scholars is 148 - viz. 79 Boys and 69 Girls.-

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures for the last month was also read.

The Committee to Superintend the Schools fo the last month reported as follows, which is satisfactory.-

The Committee appointed to have the more "immediate charge of the School for the last month "report:- That they have given attention to their

"appointment, and that harmony prevails.- A part
"of their number have visited the Schools; - the exer-
"cises and deportment of the scholars were generally
"satisfactory".- "Gideon C. Smith, for
"Providence 2 mo. 29. 1848" the Committee"

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to consider the subject of an increased attention in the School to plainneſs of dreſs and addreſs, and if way opened for it to prepare an eſsay of a communication to the Monthly Meetings on those subjects, - now presented the following eſsay, which being read and considered was approved and the Clerk was directed to sign the same on behalf of the Committee and transmit it to the several Monthly Meetings.- viz.-

"To Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, in the Yearly Meeting for New England".-

"The Committee for the government and superin-
"tendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, in the
"discharge of the duties enjoined upon them by the
"Yearly Meeting - believe it right to bring seriously
"to the view of Friends, the neceſsity of increased care
"and watchfulneſs on the subject of plainneſs of dreſs,
"and in language, with the children who are placed in
"the school. A strong desire has been felt by the Com-
"mittee, that parents should more seriously feel their
"responsibility in relation to their children; and should
"thereby be led, to seek for ability to bring them up in
"the nurture and admonition of the Lord - remem-
"bering the incouraging language of Holy Scripture
"- 'Bring up a child in the way he should go, and
"when he is old he will not depart from it.'

We would also expreſs our concern that the

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Monthly Meetings would extend increasing care to the children, sent to the school, that they may be prepared, as much as may be, to profit by the labour and care extended to them while here. We believe a judicious care by Friends at home may do much to increase the usefulness of the school, and very much lighten the labours of those who may be employed in its superintendence, - and thus the concern of the Yearly Meeting in the stablishment of the School be much furthered and promoted.-

For the information of Friends we make the following extracts, from a minute of the School Committee, made 8th. Month 7th. 1835, and then transmitted to the Monthly Meetings; and would desire the attention of Friends thereto.-

At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held 8th. month 7th. 1835 - The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us,

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which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakneſs and loſs have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, 'Let your moderation be known unto all men And 'let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price'.-

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impreſsed with a sense of the matchleſs love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver — were our hopes & dependence placed on Him — how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world.- And in accordance with the recommendations of our discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impreſs upon the minds of their children, the neceſsity of maintaining plainneſs of speech, behaviour, and apparel, which is strictly enjoined in the school".-

The Committee appointed to consult with the Superintendents and Teachers in regard to their re-engaging in their several stations the coming year, inform — that they have consulted with Silas and Sarah M. Cornell on the subject and they expreſsed a willingneſs to engage as Superintendents for the year commencing with the coming Summer Term, at the rate of compensation as last year viz. one thousand Dollars per annum.- Which is satisfactory to the committee.-

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The Committee on Teachers also inform that Martha Haines will engage as first assistant Teacher in the girls school for one year commencing with the coming Summer Term at a compensation of three hundred Dollars per annum. - Which is satisfactory to the Committee. -

The same Committee are continued and authorized and desired to engage the services of such further Teachers as may be necessary - Either for the year or for the Summer Term only on such terms as they may deem advisable - and Mary B. Farnham and Eunice Metcalf are added to the Committee. -

We appoint Rowland Greene, Samuel Taylor Jr. Mary Shove & Elizabeth Wing to have the more immediate care of the schools &c. the coming month.

Applications are considered and the results entered on the Book of Applications

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Fourth Month 4th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held 4th of 4th Month 1848 - Present at this time six members viz. Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Gilbert C. Smith & Samuel Boyce

The Clerk being absent, Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.

The sub-committee to have the more immediate care of the schools for the past month present the following Report viz. -
"The sub-committee Report that several of their number "have attended to their appointment - and spent part of two days at the Institution - visited both schools "and attended to their studies, particularly their reading, grammar, writing, geography &c. and were "well pleased with the performances of the scholars. - "They also attended meeting with them, where, as well "as in the schools, their social deportment was commendable. - "Health and harmony were prevalent "in the Institution." "Rowland Greene"
"on behalf of the Committee".
Which is satisfactory. -

Since the date of the foregoing report the Boys School has been visited to a limited extent by sickness. - Eight or ten of the boys were for a few days confined to the house from colds & sore throats, accompanied in a few instances with some fever; - and one young man a scholar of about 21 years of age, viz. Benjamin Winslow of Winthrop Maine, son of Joseph Winslow has been removed by death. - He was first affected some with the prevailing sore throat, from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with a constipation of the bowels, of which

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he died after an illness of ~~about a week~~ a few days.-

The deportment of this young man has been, during the time he has spent in the school very exemplary and orderly, and after the disease assumed a character from which it appeared there was little or no hope of his recovery, he was favoured unto the end with much christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great; yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father through our Lord and Saviour he should find forgiveness of his sins, and be accepted. Death, he said had no terrors for him.- He manifested much gratitude towards those who had had the care of him during his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying that he believed that their watchfulness and care over him had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.- His remains were conveyed from the Institution this morning for his home under the care of his younger brother and three other scholars.-

There are at the present time three [illegible] boys confined to the house from sickness, two of whom are recovering and nothing appears in any way alarming in the other case.-

The present number of scholars is 131 viz 64 boys and 67 Girls.-

The Committee upon the subject of teachers, report that they have engaged with Charles Atherton [illegible] to continue in the school as first assistant teacher during the summer term for a compensation of $300.- Which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

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The Committee further Report that they have agreed with Edward Young for him to continue in the school for one year for the compensation of $325.- It being understood that $25.- of said sum is allowed him on account of extra service in taking charge of scholars out of school hours.- Which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson and Gideon C. Smith to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent and report to our meeting of the Committee next month.-

Adjourned to meet again on 3d. day the 11th. instant at the 12th. hour.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Samuel Boyce
Clerk for the day

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee, held 4th. Month 11th. 1848 - Present ten members viz. Rowland Greene John D. Kenny, David Buffum, Thomas Anthony, Joseph Metcalf, George Howland Jr., Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Phebe Gifford and Ann B. Earle -

The clerk being absent William A. Robinson is appointed for the day.-

The minutes of the last meeting held the 4th. inst. (the regular meeting day) but at which only six members were present have been read, and the proceedings are approved.-

Signed by direction of the Committee
W A Robinson Clk
for the day

Fifth Month 2d. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held 5th. Month 2d. 1848 - Present Nine members viz Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Eunice Metcalf, Mary Shove and Lydia Congdon.

The Clerk being absent William A. Robinson is appointed for the day.-

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer and Superintendents accounts, inform they are not fully prepared to report - They are continued and requested to do it at our next meeting.-

The Committee for the engagement of Teachers report that they have agreed with Anna Keyes as an assistant Teacher in the East wing for the present term for a compensation of fifty Dollars - which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

Several applications were made for admission and the conclusions entered on the application book.-

Samuel Boyce, Rowland Greene, David Buffum Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Lydia Congdon, Mary Shove, Eunice Metcalf, and Sophronia Page, are appointed a Committee to prepare for the consideration of our next meeting, a report to the Yearly Meeting.-

Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, Eunice Metcalf, and Mary Shove are appointed to have the more immediate care of the School for the present month.-

Number of Boys now in the school 24 - Girls 15. -

Signed by direction of the Committee
W A Robinson
Clk. for the day

~~The Committee~~ It is with much regret the Committee find themselves under the necessity of stating that owing to causes beyond their control there is no prospect of any available income ~~the~~ coming year from the Charitable fund of the School nor from the ~~[illegible]~~ Metcalf fund ~~the [illegible]~~ of the ~~tax~~ The present years income being absorbed by the U States revenue tax.

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Fifth Month 30th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House fifth Month 30th. 1848. - Present seven members viz. Thomas Anthony, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase and Eunice Metcalf -

Reports from the Schools are received the present number of scholars is 63 viz 34 Boys, and 29 Girls. -

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts made report, which being examined is satisfactory and is refered to the adjournment of this meeting for the addition of the receipts and expenditures of the former superintendents during the early part of the year. -

The Committee to prepare an essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting presented one which being read is approved and refered to the adjournment of this Meeting for the purpose of filling the blanks in the statement of accounts. -

The following reports in relation to the semi-annual examination of the schools at the close of the last winter term being now received are approved viz. - "A part of the Committee spent as much time as seemed neceſsary in the examination of the pupils in the West Wing and think the exercises were generally gone through with in a satisfactory manner - The boys mostly manifesting a good degree of readineſs in their answers, and giving evidence of proper care and attention on the part of the Teachers. The size of this department of the school was much reduced by the absence of boys who were unwell - out of school on account of the sickneſs of others - or having left the Institution. - The examination was leſs thorough than it would have been under other circumstances

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But taking into view, the unsettled state of this part of the school for the two or three previous weeks, it was as satisfactory as the committee could expect."
"Providence, Spring 4. 1848" "Wm. A. Robinson on behalf of the Committee"

"The Committee who were present at the recent examination of the School in the East Wing would report — That two days were spent in the school, during which time all or nearly so, of the classes were reviewed and the performances were very satisfactory and highly creditable to both teacher and scholars." "On behalf of the Committee
"Boarding School George Howland Jr"
Providence 4mo 12. 1848"

The Committee for the care of the Schools the past month inform that they have paid attention to their appointment — A part of their number spent a day at the school — and their visit was satisfactory. —

William A. Robinson, John D. Lang, Mary B. Farnum and Almira Lang are appointed for the more immediate care of the schools &c. the ensuing month. —

Adjourned to meet at Newport on seventh day morning the 10th. of sixth month next at 8 o'clock

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Sixth Month 10th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held by adjournment at Newport 6th. Month 10th. 1848 Present seventeen members viz. Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Taylor Jr. Joseph Metcalf, John Osborne, William A. Robinson, George Howland Jr. Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Wing, Mary B. Farnham Sophronia Page, Ann Almira Lang, [illegible] Metcalf & Eliza A. Osborne.-

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.-

The Report of the Committee to settle the Treasurers accounts is again read as follows, and is satisfactory viz.-

"To the School Committee"

"We have examined and settled the Treasurers account and find in his hands thirteen hundred Dollars 43 cents.- We have also examined the Superintendents accounts and find the expenditures and receipts up to the commencement of the present term to have been as follows

Salaries, Summer Term	$1.806	40	Received from Treasurer	$6.900	00
Salaries, Winter Term -	" 2.104	14	Received from Scholars, Summer Term	1.512	94
Bread & Bread Stuffs	1.684	37	Ditto Winter Term	3.537	71
Vegetables - - - - -	434	00	Stationary sold -	130	87
Butter Cheese & Lard -	423	01	In Superintendents hands 4 mo 8. 1847	384	69
Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses &c -	718	68	Deficiency - - -	346	17
Meat & Fish - - - - -	844	52			
Oil, Lamps, Fuel &c - -	498	49			
Day labour.- - - - -	296	13			
Stock and feed - - - -	358	25			
Books and Stationary -	557	40			
Incidental - - - - -	361	86			
Furnaces, Rooms, fences, girls grove, repairs &c.	1.665	18			
	$12.817	43		$12.817	43

Showing a deficiency of $346.17 which has been supplied from receipts from Scholars for the present Term.-

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To repay this there is now due from Scholars for last year $188.97 most of which will probably be collected.

"From the Treasurers account it appears there was in his hands this spring $685.- less than at the corresponding time in the previous Spring - being an encroachment on the surplus funds of that sum, to which if we add the above deficiency in the account of the Superintendent ($346.17 less the sum due from Scholars for past terms $188.97) say $157.20 and also the amount in Superintendents hands in the spring of 1847 - $389.64 we have a deficiency in the receipts properly belonging to last year in meeting the actual expenses of $1231.84

"There have been some heavy items of expense which will not probably occur again for some years.-

"Several statements prepared by the Superintendent are herewith presented" "William A. Robinson
"Providence 5 mo. 30. 1848" for the Committee"

The Essay for a Report to the Yearly Meeting is also again read and approved and the Clerk is requested to sign the same on behalf of the Committe and lay it before the Yearly Meeting - Said Report being as follows - viz.-

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

"The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.-

"The school has been continued through the year (
the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

"During the Summer Term, we had the services of

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Charles Atherton and Edward G. Hoag as assistant Teachers in the male department of the School, and Lafayette Burr, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages for five days in the week to a class in this school. Richard Dunne has also assisted in teaching the languages during part of the time. In the girls school, Gertrude E. Whittier, and Sarah Alice Cornell served as Teachers.

"During the Winter Term, in the Boys School, the same Teachers remained, and the School being large Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant Teacher in addition.

"Martha M. Haines, Sarah Joy Brown and Sarah Alice Cornell, were assistant Teachers in the Girls School during the same term.

"In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee and intermediate visits by sub-committees regularly appointed at those meetings for that service semi-annual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee; that at the close of the Summer Term being also attended by a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education -

"Our several examinations in these various forms, have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

"Of the scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies and improvement therein commendable - and we are encouraged to believe that the School has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the scholars — and favourable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening good resolutions for a consistent course in after life.-

"The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one, viz. fifty five males, and forty six females.-

"Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed — and the family has been preserved in much harmony.-

"The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter Term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen Dollars, and forty three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from the school fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty six Dollars, seventy seven cents; — and from Board and Tuition of Scholars, (including $133.87 for articles sold and $157.20 due from Scholars for the past Terms) five thousand, three hundred and thirty eight Dollars and seventy seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty five Dollars, and fifty four cents — leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty one Dollars, eighty nine cents.-

"The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the Fifth Month last, the time of the examination, may be stated at eleven hundred and seven Dollars and forty six cents.-

A considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which exceeding sixteen hundred Dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported.

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"We would propose that the terms of board and tuitio should be continued as last year, viz Thirty Dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty five Dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty Dollars for any others who may be admitted - and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term; at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. - The several Monthly Meetings to notify the committee at their Meeting in the tenth month of their conclusion in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term. -

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profeſsion and the requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in plainneſs of dreſs and addreſs. On this subject, labour and advice have been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the Committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with their children at home on these subjects. Under this belief, and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they iſsued, in the Third Month last, a communication addreſsed to Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, on the subject of plainneſs of speech, behaviour and apparel - a copy of which is herewith presented. -

The sale of the tract of land, authorized by the Yearly Meeting last year, has claimed the consideration of the Committee, and we are of the opinion, that such sale would be for the interest of the Institution:- but no opportunity for effecting it on satisfactory terms has yet presented We would recommend that the School Committee should still be authorized to make the sale when a suitable opportunity offers.-

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third Month, with which eight or ten of the male scholars were more or leſs affected - And the removal by death of two young men, scholars in the school during the year. The first was Thomas W. White, from Elizabeth City Pascotank county North Carolina, who died on the 20th. of Eleventh month last, aged 21 years; and of whom it was reported, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the school was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or diſsatisfaction.-

The second instance of mortality was Benjamin Winslow of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Winslow. He had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which had prevailed in the School, but from which he had nearly recovered when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3d. of Fourth Month, after a few days illneſs, aged 21 years.- We believe it may not be without uſefulneſs to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man during the time he spent in the school, was very exemplary - and after his disease assumed a

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character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favoured unto the end, with much Christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord and Saviour, he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted. - Death he said had no terrors for him. He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him. -

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee. -

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk. -

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Seventh Month 4th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 7th. month 4th. 1848 — Present fourteen members viz. David Buffum, John Meader, Gideon L. Smith, Samuel Boyce, Alden Sampson, William A. Robinson, Thomas Anthony, George Rowland Jr, Rowland Greene, Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Meader, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, & Ann B. Earle.—

By the minutes of the Yearly Meeting it appears that the following Friends constitute the Committee to Superintend the Boarding School for the present year viz. Samuel Boyce, John H. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, George Rowland Jr. Gideon L. Smith, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Alden Sampson — Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Almira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Meader, Ann Hopkins and Sarah F. Tobey. —

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year. —

Reports from the Schools are received, read and considered — The present number of Scholars is 67 viz 37 Boys and 30 Girls. —

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures for the past month is also received and read. —

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month made report as follows which is satisfactory viz. — "To the School Committee "A part of the Committee appointed to have the more "immediate care of the concerns of the School for the "past month have given some attention thereto, — but "have no special information to communicate

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"The affairs of the Institution appear generally in a satisfactory condition, and health and harmony prevail" "William A. Robinson for
"Providence 7th Mo 4. 1848" the Committee"

We appoint William A. Robinson & George Townsend Jr to confer with the Superintendent as to the best manner of keeping the accounts of receipt and expenditures of the Institution and to advise with him in relation thereto.-

Rowland Greene, John Meader, Joanna Peck & Elizabeth Meader are appointed for the more immediate care of the schools and the affairs of the Institution for the ensuing month.-

We appoint Alden Sampson, George Townsend Jr David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, John Meader and Stephen A. Chase to consider the subject of the allowance for travelling expenses, to scholars from distant parts of the Yearly Meeting - and report thereon to a future meeting.-

A renewed concern for the increased maintenance in the schools of the testimonies of our Society in relation to plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, having been revived at this time, we have felt a desire to be found faithful to what may be required of us in relation to this important subject — and under these impressions we have believed it right to appoint a few of our number, to labour from time to time as way may open for it, and ability be afforded in the truth to strengthen the hands of the Superintendents and Teachers in the schools, in upholding among the scholars a conformity to our testimonies in these respects — and for this service we

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appoint Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce Elizabeth Meader, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf and Sarah F. Tobey.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Eighth Month 1st. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 8th. Month 1st. 1848 - Present Ten members viz. - John Meader, Rowland Greene, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Meader, Joanna Peck, and Ann B. Earle.-

Reports from the Schools, shewing the classes in the several branches of study, have been received, read and considered; - The whole number of scholars at the present time is 66 viz. 38 males and 28 females.-

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures for the last month is also received & read.

The Yearly Meeting having authorized this Committee to make sale of a lot of land now belonging to that Meeting and lying Northerly of Olney Street in Providence, and the School Committee of last year having come to the conclusion that such sale is expedient whenever it can be satisfactorily effected - we appoint William A. Robinson and Gideon C. Smith to negotiate such sale at such time and on such terms as they may judge advisable, and to procure the necessary conveyances to be made according to the conclusions of the Yearly Meeting.-

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The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month made the following report which is satisfactory to us, - viz. "The committee to visit the Schools Report - that they have visited both Schools and heard the pupils in several of their exercises, more particularly in the practical branches of reading, spelling and arithmetic. - They were much gratified in believing that increased attention is given to these important branches of a permanent education. The committee would not wish to confine the children too exclusively to these simple elements of literature, but they believe that a thorough knowledge in these particulars, prepares the mind for a more extended and permanent education. - The deportment of the children, and the readiness with which they received the intimations for their improvement, and also the care and interest of the Superintendent and Teachers were satisfactory to us.

John Meader.
Rowland Greene
Providence 8 mo. 1. 1848. -
Joanna Peck
Elizabeth Meader

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Anthony, Phebe R. Gifford and Ann B. Earle to have the mor immediate care of the Schools &c. the ensuing month

We appoint John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Elizabeth Meader Sarah F. Tobey, Phebe R. Gifford and Joanna Peck, to confer with such of the present Teachers as are not under engagement longer than the present term, or such others as they may judge suitable to be employed as Teachers - on the subject of engaging for the winter Term, and report

to our next meeting — And the same committee are authorized and desired to make such arrangements in relation to a Teacher of the languages as they may find neceſsary. —
Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Ninth Month 5th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 9th. Month 5th. 1848, Present fourteen members viz. Rowland Greene, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Ann Hopkins, Elizabeth Wing, Eliza A. Osborn, Ann B. Earle and Sarah F. Tobey. —

Reports from the Schools are received, read and considered. — The present number of scholars is 62 viz. 36 Boys and 26 Girls.

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures for the past month is also read and examined.

Samuel Boyd Tobey and Stephen A. Chase are authorized to adjust with Silas Cornell the amount to be allowed his daughter Sarah Alice Cornell for her services, while she was engaged as Teacher.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the last month, made report as follows which is satisfactory viz. "To the Boarding School Committee — The visiting Committee for the present month report, that they have given attention to their appointment

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"A part of their number having visited both the Schools and heard the recitations in some of the studies pursued by the scholars. - These were i general satisfactory, and it is our opinion that the children are industriously pursuing their studies under kind and competent instructors.

"The spelling was good - we heard but few good readers, altho we believe the Teachers were exertin themselves to effect this desirable end - The writing books were mostly clean and neat, but we found but little good penmanship, and doubt whether the system used is the best - There were several very good grammarians, and in Arithmetic, Algebra and some other mathematical studies there are a number of pupils well advanced. - It was reported to us, that there were 20 children studying French - and we would suggest that the regulation requiring permission from the Committe in every case before commencing this study should not be neglected. -

The house was not in all parts as clean and tidy as is desirable, and notwithstanding the expenditure for the past year for repairs was large we think some improvements still demanded, especially in the accommodation of the boys for washing. Their wash room is not what it ought to be. -

There is one subject to which we would call the attention of the Committee - We ascertained with regret, that the time of our Superintendents is so occupied in their various domestic duties that they devote very little of it to the business of instruction. - We believe the giving of one lecture a week by Silas Cornell and instructing one class on the globes is the amount of what is done by them in this way. - This appears to us a wide departure from the views of the Committee in their employment; and we think some measures should be adopted by which they may be so relieved from other cares as to be able to devote a portion of every day, punctually to the business of instruction in each school, as well as exercising a general supervisory care and direction in relation to all the studies, agreeably to the original intention of the Committee, and our understanding with them explicitly defined when they were introduced into the Institution. -

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we believe our Superintendents are industriously and sufficiently occupied, but that all their time is not appropriated in that way that has been contemplated by the Committee, or as they believe would be most useful to the School."

"On behalf of the Committee", "Samuel Boyd Tobey"
"Boarding School 9mo5. 1848." - "Ann B. Earle"

The Committee to be appointed for the more immediate care of the Schools the coming month, with the addition of Samuel Boyd Tobey are authorized and requested to confer with the Superintendent and cause such repairs to be made about the house and premises as may appear necessary, particularly in the washing room of the boys school. -

Daniel Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, Sarah F. Tobey and Elizabeth A. Osborn, are appointed for the more immediate care of the Schools &c. the coming month

The Committee on the subject of Teachers not being prepared to report are continued and desired to attend to the object of their appointment, and

report to our next meeting - and they are authori
and requested to confer with any friends, they may
consider proper to be employed in the Institution
in the care of the farming or domestic affairs,
in relation to their being so employed.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Tenth Month 3d. 1848

At a meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 10th. month 3d. 1848, Present Eleven Members viz. David Buffum Samuel Rodm John D. Lang, Samuel Boyd Tobey John Meader, Alden Sampson, George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Sarah F. Tobey and Ann B. Earle.

Reports from the Schools are received and read - the present number of scholars is 60 viz 34 Boys and 26 Girls.-

Samuel Boyd Tobey from the Committee on the subject of the compensation of Sarah Alice Farwell for the time she was employed as Teacher report, that they have adjusted the same at seventy five dollars which is satisfactory.-

We appoint William A. Robinson, John Meader George Howland Jr. to consider of and if they think fit to take measures to alter the plan of the rooms in the West End of the West wing by removing the centre wall of that part of the House and fitting up a school room of the width of the House.-

The Committee on Teachers report that they have consulted with Charles Atherton in relation to his remaining in his present situation two the

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coming winter term, and he is disposed to do so—which is satisfactory to the Committee, his compensation to be $333.—for the term.—

Said Committee also report that they have arranged with Richard D. Meader as an assistant Teacher in the Boys school the coming winter Term for the compensation of $125.—for the term, which is satisfactory.—

They have also arranged with Lafayettee Burr to give instruction in the languages for two hours in each day five days per week in the school for the coming year at a compensation of $200 per annum.—

They have also arranged with Anna B. Paige as assistant Teacher in the Girls School for one year from the commencement of the coming winter term at a compensation of $200. per annum.—

They have also arranged with Lydia Almy as assistant Teacher in the Girls School for the coming winter Term for the compensation of fifty Dollars for the Term— All of which is satisfactory to the Committee:—

The Committee on Teachers having accomplished the principal objects of their appointment are released—and we appoint John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, [illegible] F. [illegible], John B. [illegible], to consult and arrange with such Friend or Friends as they may consider suitable to be employed in the Farming and other out-door and in-door domestic concerns of the Institution

The semiannual examination of the schools occurring next week to commence at 11 o'clock on second day— the appointment of a sub committee for the month is omitted at this time.—

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The committee for the more immediate care of the schools, and the affairs of the Institution the past month, made report of their attention to their appointment and of the state of the schools - which is satisfactory.-

Signed on behalf of the committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Tenth Month 20th. 1848

At a special Meeting of the School committee held at the School House at Providence 10th month 20th. 1848 - called in consequence of information received from the Superintendent - present David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Eunice Metcalf, Elizabeth Meader and Sarah F. Tobey.-

The clerk being absent William A. Robinson was appointed for the day.-

The following minute was adopted, and the Clerk requested to sign the same, have it printed and a suitable number forwarded to members of the monthly meetings - Having in this matter the approbation written or verbally expressed of George Howland Jr. Gideon C. Smith & Joanna Peck

One case of small pox and one very mild case of varioloid, have occurred at the School Hous during the present vacation. The subject of the first was removed, as soon as the character of the disease was ascertained, and every means taken t prevent cause of infection remaining from either - and though it is probable all danger from the disea from this source, will have passed away before th regular time for the commencement of the next term, yet the Committee apprehend it will be a

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more full and satisfactory guard against the danger to defer its commencement two weeks later, and it is therefore deferred till the 13th. of 11th. month n

Should any thing occur to render a further delay expedient, due notice will be given, and the Clerk is directed to sign the above minute, and cause a copy to be forwarded to members of each Monthly Meeting, who will please see that the information is made as public as necessary.-

William A Robinson
Clk for the day

Tenth Month 31st. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 10th. month 31st. 1848 - Present eight Members viz Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, Gideon C. Smith, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase and Elizabeth Meader.-

The Committee on the subject of the proposed alteration in the heating - report that that they have proceeded in causing said alteration to be made and the same is nearly completed, and will doubtless be accomplished in season for the commencement of the schools.-

The Committee appointed at the meeting held 10th mo. 3d. to consult and arrange with such friends as they may consider suitable to be employed in forming &c.- are continued and with the addition of John Meader and Elizabeth Meader are desired to attend to the duties of their appointment.-

The following report respecting the examination at the close of the last Term is directed to be recorded viz.-

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"A number of the committee commenced the examination of the School on the 9th. Instant, and closed on the evening of the 10th. and while it is a cause of regret to those who did attend, that so few of the committee were there, it was manifest that a good degree of proficiency had been attained by the scholars in their various studies, evincing care on the part of the Instructors and diligence on that of the pupils.-

"The general deportment of the scholars was much to the satisfaction of the committee, and harmony and good feeling seemed to pervade the family at large, and notwithstanding so great a portion of the time of the scholars must neceſsarily have been devoted to improvement in science and literature,— we trust that a goodly number had not been unmindful of the more important things that appertain to their eternal well being, manifested in the tone and spirit of quite a number of their pieces of composition read before the Committee by both male and female scholars.-

David Buffum, for the Committee

It is the conclusion of the Committee that all those scholars, who may enter the school the coming term be vaccinated, unleſs the same has been recently done. The Superintendents are requested to see this conclusion carried into effect.-

We appoint John Meader, William A. Robinson; Elizabeth Meader and Sarah F. Tobey to have the more immediate care of the schools &c. the ensuing month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

Twelfth Month 5th. 1848

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 12th. Month 5th. 1848 – Present seventeen members viz John Meader, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, David Buffum, John T. Lang, William A. Robinson, Thomas Anthony, Alden Sampson, George Howland jr., Stephen A. Chase, Mary P. Farnum, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, Ann C. Davis, Mary Shove, Sarah F. Tobey & Eliza A. Osborne.–

Reports from the schools, shewing the classes, course of studies &c. have been received and read; the present number of scholars in the schools is 174 viz 98 males and 76 females – two male scholars have left since the commencement of the term – making the whole number entered this term 176.–

A statement of the receipts & expenditures by the Superintendent for the last two months was received and read.–

The Committee continued last month to arrange with such Friends as may be suitable to be employed in the Institution in the domestic and farming operations – Report that they have arranged with David and Chloe Douglass to give their services in the domestic affairs of the Institution for one year, at the compensation of two hundred and fifty Dollars.– And that they have arranged with Nathan C. Page to give his services in the farming operations of the Institution for one year at a compensation of two hundred and fifty Dollars. – Which is satisfactory to the Committee.–

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month made Report as follows which is satisfactory – "The Committee for the more immediate care of the school the past month – Report that they have endeavoured to give such attention to

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the objects of their appointment as the way has opened for. - Part of their number have several times been at the school and heard some of the classes in their recitations, which was satisfactory. -

"The Committee will perceive that the school is larger than was anticipated, particularly the boys school, and the time of Silas Cornell the male superintendent, being almost entirely occupied with other engagements has prevented him from spending much time in the schools, - a circumstance we think to be regretted:-

Sarah M. Cornell the female superintendent is spending a portion of each day in the girls school.-

The Committee perhaps should know that the written rules and regulations, which were once introduced into the school, are not now read to the children in either school, and we would suggest whether it would not be right for the Committee either to revise those rules & regulations or to adopt others in their place, so that the rules and regulations used may have the approval of the Committee - all which is entirely submitted to the committee".

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"John Meader"
"W. A. Robinson"
"Eliz. Meader"
"Sarah F. Tobey"

We appoint David Buffum, John Meader, George Howland Jr, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, [illegible] Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Elizabeth Meader & Mary [illegible] to revise the rules of the school agreeably to the recommendation in the above report and present them to a future meeting.-

The Committee appointed in the 8th month last to dispose of a tract of land, lying North of Olney Street in the City of Providence, belonging to the Yearly Meeting made report at this time [illegible]

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follows viz. "To the School Committee" —— "The "Committee appointed in the 8th. Month last to dispose "of a tract of land belonging to the Institution lying "on the Northerly side of Olney Street in the City of "Providence - containing about ten acres — "Report that they have effected a sale thereof to "Stephen Arnold (S.C.) and Charles H. Dabney for the "sum of six thousand five hundred Dollars — "twenty five hundred of which to be paid on the "delivery of the deed; and for the remaining four "thousand - their notes secured by mortgage on the "premises = payable on demand with interest semi-"annually are to be given"

"Providence 12 mo. 5th. 1848" "William A. Robinson",
"Richard [illegible] Smith."

Which report being satisfactory is accepted by the School Committee and the sale therein mentioned is confirmed - And the Treasurer of the School Fund is hereby requested to make and execute a deed of the land aforesaid to the purchasers according to said sale.-

The Clerk is authorized to embody in a suitable form the conclusions of the Yearly Meeting and of this Committee in relation to the sale above mentioned, and furnish the same to the Treasurer of the school fund, and the Committee who negotiated for the sale are continued to complete the same.

David Buffum the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting informs that he has received from the Executor of the last will of our late friend Abraham Sherman Jr. the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars given by said will for the benefit of this Institution. The part of said will relating to this bequest being as follows, viz. "To the Treasurer for the time being of said Yearly Meeting, and his successors in office. I also give, devise, and bequeath in special trust for the use and benefit of the said Yearly Meeting's Boarding School at Providence, the further sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be placed under the direction and control of the Committee appointed by the said Yearly Meeting for the government and superintendence of said School. And it is my desire and will that five hundred dollars of said amount should be expended under the direction of said Committee in the purchase of books on scientific subjects, works on Natural Philosophy, Natural History, &c. to be placed in the Library for the use of the Schools, and of maps, atlases, &c. for the use of the School rooms; and that the remaining ten hundred dollars should be added to the permanent fund or used in any other way for the benefit of said School as said Committee may think best."

We recognize in this beneficent gift by our late much beloved Friend, an additional evidence of his interest in the cause of the guarded education of the youth of our Society, and of the Christian benevolence of his heart. —

And our friend David [illegible] proposing to give his note for one thousand dollars of said sum to the Treasurer of the School fund payable on demand with interest is desired so to do — and to place the remaining five hundred dollars subject to the order of this Committee to be applied to the uses directed by the donor.

We appoint George Howland Jr. and William J. Robinson to make the purchase of such books &c. for the use of the Schools as they may think [illegible]

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We appoint George Howland Jr. Gideon C. Smith, Ann B. Earle and Mary Howe, to have the more immediate care of the Schools, and the affairs of the Institution the ensuing month.-

We appoint Samuel Boyce, Alden Sampson, Stephen A. Chase, Frank H. Tobey, Ann B. Earle and Eunice Metcalf to take the necessary care in supplying any vacancies which may occur among the Teachers, and to consider of and take measures to procure such further assistance in teaching as the increased size of the schools may render necessary

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

First Month 2d. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 1st. Month 2d. 1849 — Present thirteen members viz. Rowland Greene, John Meader, David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland Jr. Samuel Boyce, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Meader, Phebe K. Gifford, Sarah F. Tobey & Ann B. Earle.

The Clerk being absent, Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.-

Reports from the Schools were received and read The present number of scholars is 175 viz 99 males and 76 females.-

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to revise the rules of the school, having attended to their appointment, at this time presented the following for consideration viz.-

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"The Superintendents shall govern the family of the Institution under the direction of the Committee.

"They are also expected to have a general oversight of the Schools, and to exercise a parental care over the literary, moral and religious instruction of the scholars; and on all occasions it is the desire of the Committee, that the Superintendents and Teachers would spread before them such information as they may think calculated to give a correct understanding of the condition of the school."–

"They are desired to make all necessary inspection of trunks and packages belonging to the scholars, or addressed to them, and when any article of clothing unsuitable for want of plainness or any other improper article is found, it is to be retained until the parents or guardians be informed thereof, after which the article of clothing may be altered if necessary and the expense charged."–

"Every request on the part of scholars for temporary leave of absence from school is to be made to the Superintendents, and they are to act therein, according to their discretion."–

"In case of any act of insubordination on the part of any scholar, affecting seriously the discipline or moral reputation of the school, they are to communicate the same promptly to those members of the Committee to whom the information can conveniently be given, for the purpose of receiving their advice and assistance in the removal of the cause of complaint."–

"No scholar is to go beyond the limits of the walking grounds, without permission from one of the Superintendents, or such officer as they may delegate to act in their stead, nor shall any one go beyond the limits of the play-grounds, without the liberty of one of the Superintendents or Teachers; and the limits of these [illegible] shall from time to time be determined by the Committee"

"No book or publication is to be admitted into the house for the use of the Scholars without the approbation of the committee."

"The Scholars shall rise in the morning and retire at night, at such hours as the Superintendents shall direct: and it is expected (except when peculiar circumstances may in the judgment of the Superintendent render a deviation from the rule proper) that the house shall be closed for the night at or before 10 o'clock."-

"The pupils both male and female are expected to conform with cheerfulness to the regulations of the school, to use due diligence in the prosecution of their studies, considering the value of improving their time; and in their conversation are to maintain the testimony of our society in observing strictly the use of the plain scripture language."-

"On the first day of the week religious meetings shall be held in the meeting room, for the school and family at half past 10 o'clock in the morning, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended by such of the committee as may find it convenient from time to time to do so, and open also for the attendance of other concerned Friends. - A religious meeting shall also be held on the fourth day of the week at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, except on Yearly Meeting week, and the weeks of holding Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting when it is held in Providence, and Providence Monthly and Preparative Meetings; and it shall be the privilege of the scholars to attend said meetings, when in the judgment of the Superintendent, it is suitable to do so, on account of the weather &c."-

"The practice of observing a time of silence at the table previous to and at the close of each meal as heretofore observed, and in accordance with the ancient usage and good order of our religious society, is to be carefully maintained, that so by a proper introversion of mind, a state of reverend thankfulness for the bounty of a gracious and beneficent creator, may be experienced; remembering that all our blessings both temporal and spiritual proceed from Him."-

"At the conclusion of the morning meal, and before the scholars retire to rest for the night, a portion of the Holy Scriptures is to be read by the superintendent or one of the Teachers, and a suitable time allowed for meditation thereon, that thus at the commencement and close of each day an opportunity may be afforded for a prayerful turning of the mind in solemn contemplation on the solemn truths contained in those sacred writings, to him who alone can open & apply them to the lasting benefit of the heart" Which being read and approved, the Rules as thus revised are adopted; and it is the conclusion of the Committee that the same be read in the schools at the commencement and middle of each term.

The Committee continued to complete the negotiation in relation to the sale of a lot of land, referred to in the minutes of last month presented the following report - which is satisfactory

To the School Committee

As directed at your last meeting we have procured and furnished to Stephen Arnold (S.C.) and Charles H. Dubney the necessary deeds referred to in said minute, and have taken the purchasers separate notes for two thousand Dollars each - secured by mortgage on the premises and twenty five hundred dollars in cash - which have been placed in the hands of the Treasurer (six thousand five hundred dollars) The mort

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has been recorded and handed to him.-

William A. Robinson
Providence 1st mo. 2. 1849. Gideon C. Smith

The Committee to have the more immediate care of the Schools for the past month presented the following report viz.- "The Committee appointed to have the more immediate care of the schools for the past month - report - That they have spent some time in the schools, and find that so far as we have heard the classes, they are making good progress in their studies, but are of the opinion that a further assistance is required in each wing, whose business it shall be to give their particular attention to the younger and less advanced scholars; the harmony and good feeling heretofore existing in the family continues without interruption".-

"School House 1 mo. 2d. 1849" "George Howland Jr"
"Gideon C. Smith"
"Ann B. Earle"

Which is satisfactory - And it appearing from said Report that further assistance is needed in teaching the scholars in each of the schools, the Committee appointed at our last meeting to take the necessary care in relation to furnishing the schools with teachers with the addition of Samuel Boyd Tobey, are desired and authorized to engage such farther assistance as may be necessary.-

The Committee appointed in the 10th month last in relation to altering the West wing of the School House at this time presented the following report - which is satisfactory viz. "To the committee The Committee appointed some time since, to

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superintend an alteration in the west wing - in order to accommodate the boys with a school room - repor that it has been completed - and the expense abou $225 has not materially exceeded the sum contempla - though more has been done than was originally expected.

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William A. Robinson
George Howland junr

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Gideon C. Smith, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary R. Tucker & Elizabeth Meader, to have the more immediate care of the Schools for the coming month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel [illegible]
Clerk for the day

First Month 30th. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee; held at the School House, First Month 30th. 1849 - Present eleven Members viz.- John Meader, Samuel Boy, Alden Sampson, David Buffum, George Howland Jr, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah F. Tobey & Elizabeth A. Osborne

Reports from the Schools are received, shewing the division of classes in the various branches of study pursued - and the same are read and considered. The present number of scholars is 180 viz 96 males and 84 females.

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, George Howland Jr, Phebe R. Gifford, Eliza A. Osborne and Sarah F. Tobey, to take into consideration the present arrangement of classes, and the appropriation of the time of study, visitation and relaxation — to advise with the Superintendents and Teachers in relation thereto — and to suggest such modifications therein, and in other respects as to them may appear best, and to report to our next meeting.-

An account of receipts and expenditures by the Superintendent is also read.-

The Committee on Teachers Report - That they have engaged the services of Charles G. Pinkham as a Teacher of Penmanship for the remainder of the present term, at forty Dollars per month, and he is now in the school - The same Committee also inform that they have agreed with Deborah W. Holloway to render her services as Teacher, during the absence of Anna Page (called home by the indisposition of her mother) at the rate of fifty Dollars for the Term — They have also agreed with Sarah Alice Cornell to render her services as assistant Teacher for the remainder of the present Term, for Twenty five Dollars from 1st. mo 2d.- All of which is satisfactory to the Committee.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools &c. the past month - Report - that in pursuance of their appointment, they have visited the Schools - and the rules for their government adopted by the Committee at our last meeting were read to the scholars and Teachers in their presence, accompanied by such remarks as way opened for - which were well received by all - The affairs of the school seemed in a comfortable state, and harmony prevailed all which is satisfactory.-

We appoint Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson Eliza A. Osborne and Sarah R. Tobey to have the more

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immediate care of the Schools, and the affairs of the Institution, the coming month.—

We appoint David Buffum, Alden Sampson, John D. Lang and Stephen A. Chase a committee on the farming concerns of the Institution with whom the Superintendent and those who may be employed from time to time in the various concerns connected with the improvement of the farm, and farming buildings and affairs may advise in relation the And said Committee are desired to report to this Committee from time to time as occasion may require.—

We appoint David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Alden Sampson, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary B. Farnham, Ann B. Earle & Eliza A. Osborne to consider of and consult with suitable Friends to serve the Institution as Superintendents, Teachers, or in the more subordinate stations for the year to commence with the next summer Term — and to report to a subsequent meeting of this Committee such arrangements as may to them seem best.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Second Month 27th. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 2d. Month 27th. 1849 - Present 16 members viz. Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson, David Buffum, George Howland, Samuel B. Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, Mary B. Farnham, Eliza A. Osborne, Sarah F. Tobey and Ann B. Davis. -

Reports from the Schools are received, and read - The present number of scholars is 170 viz 87 males and 83 females. -

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures is also read. -

The Committee appointed last month to take into consideration the present arrangement of classes, and appropriation of time & study &c. inform that attention has been given to their appointment but not being prepared to report finally, they are continued for farther service. -

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools &c. the last month - Report, - "That they have all of them, spent more or less time in the schools, and have heard many of the classes in their recitations and have examined the instruction now given in writing. - The deportment of the scholars was quite satisfactory - and their improvement in their various studies mostly good - yet there is evidence of a want of more thorough attention by some of the scholars, especially in the more common branches of an English Education - Which report is satisfactory

The ~~subject of~~ consideration of the subject of imparting moral and religious instruction in the schools is referred to the committee on the proper arrangement of the schools and appropriation of times

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of study appointed at our last meeting.-

The Committee appointed last month to consider of and consult with suitable Friends as Superintendents, Teachers &c. the coming yea Report; That they have consulted with Silas and Sarah Cornell the present Superintendent in relation to their reengaging as Superintendents for the year to commence with the next Summe Term - and they expressed their willingness so to d for the same compensation as last year, that is $1000.- per annum.-

They have also consulted with Martha J. Cu and she is disposed to engage as Teacher in the girls school for the year commencing with the next summer Term at the compensation of $300. for the year.-

They also inform that Lydia [illegible] will engage as Teacher in the girls school for the comi year commencing as above at the compensation $50.- for the Summer and $75.- for the winter Term

The same Committee inform that Edward Hoag will reengage for the coming year commenc above as Teacher in the Boys school at the compensation of $325.- for the year.-

The above arrangements being considered ar satisfactory to the Committee.-

The Committee on Teachers have continued to consu in relation to Teachers in the Boys School

We appoint Thomas Anthony, Rowland [illegible] Mary B. Farnham & Eunice Metcalf to have the more imm ate care of the schools &c. the coming month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase

Fourth Month 3d. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 4th. month 3d. 1849- Present 14 members viz. Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony Samuel Boyce Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum George Howland Jr. Gideon L. Smith, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase Mary B. Farnham Elizabeth Meader Hannah Peck, Sarah F. Tobey & Ann P. [illegible] -

Reports from the Schools are received and read,- The present number of scholars is 152 viz 70 males and 82 females.-

The Superintendents account of receipts and expenditures is also laid before the Committee.-

The Committee continued last month to take into consideration the present arrangement of classes and appropriation of time of study &c. made report as follows viz.-

To the School Committee

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the present arrangement of classes, and for other purposes as expressed in the minute of their appointment now report - That they have from time to time given attention to the service assigned to them and have extended such advice as appeared to them proper.- The manner of communicating Religious instruction to the scholars has particularly claimed their attention since the last meeting of the Committee and the subjoined correspondence has taken place between the Superintendent and themselves, which they submit for the consideration of the committee - and if approved, they propose that it should be placed upon our records

On behalf of the Committee, Samuel Boyd Tobey

Boarding School 4 mo 3. 1849-

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Which report, after a time of deliberation thereo is accepted and approved, and the correspondenc therein referred to is directed to be recorded, as follows viz.—

Friends Y. M. B. School,

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To S. B. Tobey—
John Meader
& others } committee

At the Meeting of the Scho Committee the 27th. ult. it was concluded that the instructions in moral and religious subje should not in future be given on second day evening as heretofore; but that some other tim should be appropriated to that purpose, and the Superintendent was requested to consult with the committee on classification in [illegible] a proper time for these instructions.—

In pursuance of this conclusion the Superintendent will be glad to receive the views of the committee in relation to the time and mann of conducting such instructions.—

Silas Cornell, Superintendent

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Dear friend
Silas Cornell,

In reply to thy communication the 1st. inst. we believe it right for us to state—that the design and concern of Friends in the establishment of a Yearly Meeting Boarding School, was t impart to the youth of our Society a guarded, relig and literary education— and while they have i pursuing those studies taught in the Institution it has been the desire of the committee that th should also store their minds with a knowled

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of the Holy Scriptures, and with the doctrines and testimonies of Truth as profeſsed by our religious Society — Hence it has been more or leſs the practice since the School was established for the children to commit to memory portions of scripture and also to read attentively some of the standard works of Friends — Practically it has been carried into effect at different times very satisfactorily by the school being divided into various claſses and the Superintendent and Teachers severally taking charge of them — Different approved writings have been aſsigned to these claſses as Barclay's Apology, Barclays Catechism, Bates Doctrines, Tukes Principles, Dymonds Essays on Morality &c. The claſses have generally been examined on first day of the week, when a portion of one of these works would be aſsigned to each class for them to be ready to be examined upon the succeeding first day — Not requiring them to commit it verbatim, but so attentively to read it as to have a clear understanding of the subject treated of. The Scripture leſsons of course were literally committed to memory. Such has been the course pursued at different periods in the school, commencing in the days of its munificent donor Obadiah Brown. Of course no exercise of this sort can supercede the neceſsity of that daily and hourly attention to the conduct and habits of the children, and of those various suggestions of a moral and religious nature which the several care takers are expected vigilantly to maintain, and which from time to time they may feel qualified to impart as neceſsity requires and way opens for. The Committee believe that the mode of conveying moral and religious instruction

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which they have now indicated it is desirable sh
to maintain in the school. - The time to be devote
to this purpose - the number of classes to be form
and the author to be assigned to each class, the
do not suppose it to be a division for them to
attempt precisely to define - It must of course
depend very much upon the size of the schoo
the age and capacity of the several scholars &c
but having the good of all in view, they do not
doubt the Superintendents and Teachers will
be able to arrange it in a manner that will
entirely satisfactory to themselves and to us, a
we will cheerfully cooperate with them in an
way that will promote the important obje
we desire to attain. - We are sincerely thy friends

David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey } Com
Eliza A. Osborn John Meader on
Sarah F. Tobey Wm. A. Robinson Clas
Geo. Howland }

Our beloved friends David and Chloe Dougla
have communicated to us at this time, their desire
to be released from their engagement entered into
in the 10th. month last for one year - proposing to
leave the Institution at the close of the present ter
The subject claiming our attention, we are unit
in acceding to their request. -

The Committee appointed for the more im-
mediate care of the schools the last month inform
that owing to ill health and other circumstances
beyond their control they have been unable to [illegible]
at the school.

The committee on Teachers inform that an
interview has been had with Richard D. [illegible]

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in relation to an engagement as Teacher for the year commencing with the next Summer Term and he is disposed to be engaged at a compensation of $250. per annum.-

The same Committee also inform that Charles Atherton will continue as heretofore to serve the Institution as Teacher in the Boys School for the present on the same terms as he engaged for the last Summer Term.

All which is satisfactory to the Committee

William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith and George Howland Jr. are appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent and report next month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Fourth Month 10th. 1849

At a special meeting of the School Committee, held 4th. month 10th. 1849.- Present nine members viz.- David Buffum, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr., William A. Robinson, Mary B. Farnum, Ann B. Earle, Eunice Metcalf and Mary Shove.-

The Clerk being absent William A. Robinson is appointed for the day.-

Application was made for Irene, daughter of William Walcott of Cumberland, for the Summer Term - she not being a member of our society. She is admitted

William A Robinson
Clk for the day

Fifth Month 1st. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House fifth month 1st. 1849. Present six members viz David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, Elizabeth Meader & Mary Shov

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.-

The present number of scholars is 50 viz.- 22 males and 28 females.-

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent not being prepared to report at this time, are continued and desired to report at our next meeting.-

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson George Howland Jr. Mary Shove & Sarah F. Tobey to have the more immediate care of the school the coming month.-

We appoint David Buffum, Stephen [illegible] Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Elizabeth Meader, Mary Shove and Sarah F. Tobey to prepare an essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting, and present the same to our next Meeting for approbation.-

The Committee appointed in the First Month last upon the subject of Teachers are continued and are desired to give such further atten[illegible] as may appear necessary

Several applications have been at this time received, which have been acted upon by the committee.-

A communication was at this time received from [illegible] recommending the

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introduction into the School, of Arnolds first and second Latin Book; which meets the approbation of the Committee

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Boyce Clk
for the day —

Sixth Month 5th. 1849

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 6 mo. 5th. 1849. - Present 10 members viz John Meader, David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson, Alden Sampson, Samuel B. Tobey, George Howland Jr. Samuel Boyce, Mary B. Allen, & Eliza Smith Meader

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer & Superintendent, inform that attention has been given to their appointment but not being prepared to report in full, they are continued and are desired to report at an adjournment of this meeting.-

The Committee to have the more immediate charge of the Schools for the past month, inform that a portion of their number has given such attention to their appointment as has appeared necessary, and that the schools have been visited and the appearance thereof is satisfactory.-

The Committee to prepare an essay for an Annual Report inform that they have attended to their appointment - But the essay not being

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entirely complete, the Committee are continue
and are desired to report at an adjournme
of this meeting.-

The records of the last meeting of the Committee were read and approved.-

The present number of scholars 76 viz 34 males and 42 females.-

We appoint our friends John Meader, Alden Sampson, Elizabeth Osborne, & Ann B. Ea
to have the more immediate care of the Schools the present month.-

Adjourned to meet again at Newport on 7th day evening next at 8 o'clock P.M.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee.-

Saml. [illegible]

Clerk for the day

Sixth Month 9th. Met pursuant to adjourn
present 16 members viz. Thomas Anthony, [illegible] Greene, John L. Bang, Samuel Boyd Tobey, [illegible] A. Robinson, George Howland Jr, Samuel [illegible], Alden Sampson, Elizabeth Wing, Elizabeth [illegible], Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen, Ann Almira [illegible], Eunice Metcalf, Johanna Peck & Ann B. Earle

The Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent presented the following report viz.-

To the School Committee - An examination of the accounts of the Treasurer & Superintendent has been made, from which it appears, there is in the hands of the former five hundred and eight 77/100 Dollars - That the expenditures of the latter have been about fourteen thous. six hundred Dollars, which sum includes [illegible] hundred and forty six 17/100 Dollars paid for-expenses belonging to the previous year — that the interest from the school fund (general & charitable) may be stated at six thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars — from scholars at six thousand four hundred Dollars, and that the deficiency of the income from all sources, has fallen about one thousand Dollars short of meeting the expenses of the Institution

Providence 6 mo 9. 1849 for the Committee
William A. Robinson

Which is accepted. —

The Committee to prepare an essay for an Annual Report, at this time presented the following viz. - which is accepted, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting. -

"The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, have during the past year, paid such attention to their appointment, as way has opened for, and according to their ability have endeavoured to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. - Our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell have continued in the station of Superintendents - and Thomas Atherton and Edward J. Craig were engaged as Teachers in the Boys School during the year, with the addition of Richard D. Meader during the winter Term. - In the girls school, Martha M. Haines and Anna B. Page have been engaged as Teachers during the year, and Lydia Almy was employed in addition during the winter Term. - Instruction in the languages has been given on five days in the week in both schools during the year by

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Sarah Ellen Burr - and in writing during the latter part of the winter Term by Charles G. - Pinkham.-

The average number of scholars has been 117 - viz 63 males and 54 females.-

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, harmony has prevailed, and the family generally has been favoure with good health.- One or two cases of variola occurred during the fall vacation, on which account the commencement of the winter term was delayed for two weeks.-

Semiannual examinations of the Schools by the Committee have been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also been visited by sub-committees appointed monthly, and these examinations and visits have been generally satisfactory, shewing a good degree of diligenc on the part of the scholars, and care & vigilanc on that of the Teachers.-

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been [illegible] The expenditures of the School for the past yea ending with the last winter Term have been about $14.253.- The Income has been as follows viz Interest from the School fund which may be stated at 6800 Dollars, and from board and tuition of scholars 6400 Dollars - Total Income 13.200 Dollars, leaving a deficiency of Income to meet expenditures of about 1.000 Dollars.- The available bala in the hands of the Treasurer in the fifth mont the time of settlement may be stated at $50

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During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the accommodations for the School in the West wing by which a much more commodious appartment is provided, and which is believed to be a great improvement.- The expenses of this change and of various other repairs are included in the above expenditures The deficiency in the Income to meet the expenses of the Institution may be principally accounted for from the larger number of scholars who have been at the School the past year The price of board and tuition for members of our own Yearly Meeting being only about two thirds of the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the Income of the School will meet its expenses and the number of scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been as is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.-

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year - viz.- thirty Dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty five Dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty Dollars for any others who may be admitted, and that five Dollars per Term in addition be charged for instruction in the languages. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one Term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding Summer

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Term at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the committee at their Meeting in the Tenth Month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.-

In pursuance of the authority given to the Committee by the Yearly Meeting, a sale has been effected of the parcel of land lying North of Olney street in the City of Providence for the sum of six thousand, five hundred Dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured in the hands of the Treasurer of the School Fund. And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend Moses Brown intended for the enlargement of the Real Estate of the Institution the committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation of the Income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the Institutio

In conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim and receive the fostering care and concern of Friends and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious Society in affording facilities for training them in a love of the truth, and in an increased concern for the maintenance of those precious testimonies given us to bear Signed on behalf of the Comm

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The Committee appointed in the 8th. month last to consider the subject of reducing the rate of travelling expenses which are now paid to delegates from [illegible] distant parts of our Yearly Meeting, at this time report, that they are united in proposing that the rate to be refunded be three cents per mile one way instead of four cents per mile as heretofore — which being approved the proposition is adopted, & the Clerk is directed to inform the Superintendent thereof. —

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Saml V. Boyce
Clerk for the day

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At a Meeting of the School Committee held at Newport the 15th of sixth month 1849 -

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting informs that the following Friends have been appointed a Committee for the government and superintendence of the Boarding School for the ensuing year viz Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor jr., William A. Robinson, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, William P. Howland, Peter Peck, Rowland Greene, Joseph H. Cole 24

Mary Shove, Elizabeth Meader, Rhoda Howland 2d, Sarah H. Anthony, Mary E. Breed Eliza B. Boyce, Mary B. Farnum, Lydia R. Kelly, Phebe H. Meader, Hannah G. Sawyer, Lydia H. Jones, Anne C. Minot, Ann Almira Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Ann B. Earle, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza A. Osborne, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth Hill, Joanna Peck, Huldah A. Meader and [illegible] of whom 43 members are present - 24

Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed Clerk for the day -

It is our conclusion that the meetings of this Committee be held on third day before the first fifth day in the second and [illegible] months and on third day of the week of the close of each term of the School, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon -

We appoint the following Friends to have the more immediate care of the School in the recess of this Committee - to meet monthly and act on our behalf and report to this Committee at our regular meetings - viz. Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, George Howland jr. William A. Robinson, William P. Howland, Peter Peck, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Joanna Peck, Eliza A. Osborne, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza B. Boyce, Rachel S. Howland, Mary B. Farnum, Mary E. Breed, Ann B. Earle, Sarah H. Anthony, Elizabeth Meader, Mary Shove, and Huldah A. Meader -

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk for the day -

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At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 7th. Month 31st. 1849

Present 24 members viz. John Meader, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland Jr, Eunice Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborn, Edward Earle, Eli Jones, Benjamin Buffum, William A. Robinson, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Perez Peck, Elizabeth Meader, Sarah H. Anthony, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary B. Farnum, Lydia R. Keen, Lydia H. Jones, Ann B. Earle, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza A. Osborn, Hulda A. Meader.-

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk for the day.

Our friend Rowland Greene is added to the committee appointed at our last meeting for the more immediate care of the Schools in the recess of this Committee.-

The minutes of the sub committee were laid before the meeting and read, and were satisfactory. By these minutes it appears that at the last meeting of the sub committee 7 mo 3d. the number of scholars was 74 viz 33 males and 41 females.-

By the above minutes it appears that Perez Peck, John Osborne, Joanna Peck and Eliza A. Osborne were appointed to visit the schools the last month who now report that they have all of them visited the schools in pursuance of their appointment at two several times to good satisfaction - three of the Committee being present at each visit.-

By the same minutes it appears that David Buffum, Samuel B. Tobey, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, John Osborne, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, Ann B. Earle, & Rachel S. Howland were appointed to take such general care in relation to Teachers as

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may appear necessary.- who now report that attention has been given to their appointment and they are desired to report farther to an adjournm of this Meeting.-

Reports from the schools at the present time are received and read, by which it appears, that the present number of scholars is 64 viz 26 males and 38 females.-

The Yearly Meeting having concluded, that when members of other Yearly Meetings be admitted they be charged the actual expense incurred - and that the School Committee ascertain as soon as practicable the actual cost per scholar - For the purpose of carrying this conclusion into effect we appoint John Osborne, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf and William A. Robinson to enquire into and report to the sub committee the necessary information in relation to the actual cost of a scholar at the school.-

We appoint Eli Jones, Samuel Boyce, Sarah F. Anthony, and Eliza B. Boyce to have the more immediate care of the schools &c the coming mont

Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.-

Afternoon - Met by adjournment

The Committee on Teachers report that Charles Atherton proposes to engage as Teacher in the boys school as heretofore for the remainder of the present and the coming winter term - His compensation from 7 mo 23d. to the end of the next winter Term to be $375.- or at the rate of $500.- per annum and that in addition he be allowed the board of his wife and daughter in the Institution, and the privilege of the school for his daughter should he desire it.- Which is satisfactory to the Committee.-

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The Committee on Teachers are authorized to arrange with Lafayette Burr for a temporary absence from the School, should he desire it; and for an extension of the time of his present engagement on such terms as they may judge advisable.-

Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Jr. [illegible] Meader, Perez Peck, Eli Jones and William A. Robinson are appointed a committee with whom the Superintendent may advise in relation to such repairs about the Institution as may be necessary and they are desired to consider of any proposed improvements in the appartments of the house particularly in relation to the dining rooms, and report thereon to this or the sub committee.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase
Clerk for the day

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At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 9th. of 10th month 1849 - Present 29 members viz Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, [illegible] Samuel R. Tobey, Samuel Boyce Jr., [illegible] David Buffum, Perez Peck, Stephen A. Chase, Eli Jones, Wm. P. Townsend [illegible] Buffum, William A. Robinson, [illegible], Samuel Boyce, [illegible] Jones, Mary [illegible] Townsend, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, Lydia R. Kelly, Susan H. Anthony, Mary E. Breed, Rhoda Townsend, Ann B. [illegible], Hannah Meader, Eliza M. Boyce.-

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk of the committee for the remainder of the year.-

The minutes of the Sub-Committee were read before [illegible]

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by the said minutes that at their Meeting 9th Month 4th the number of scholars was 63 viz 25 males and 38 females.-

It farther appears by the said minutes that the committee appointed 7 mo 31st to ascertain the actual cost of a scholar at the school, reported the same as near as they have ascertained to be sixty six Dollars per term - and it is thereupon concluded that scholars hereafter to be admitted from other Yearly Meetings be charged at that rate.-

Reports from the schools at the present time were received and read by which it appears that the present number of scholars is 41 viz 20 Boys and 21 Girls.-

The Committee appointed 7 mo 31 with whom the Superintendent might advise in relation to repairs about the Institution report that attention has been given to their appointment; and the Committee are continued to give such further attention thereto as may be [illegible]

The committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the last month report, that two of their number have spent one day at the school, and what they saw there was generally satisfactory.-

The Committee on Teachers report that they have arranged with Welcome C. Brown to give his services as Teacher in the Boys school the coming winter Term at a compensation of $125 for the Term which is satisfactory to the committee.-

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment

Several applications for the admission of Scholars were received acted upon [illegible] Book.

The subject of scholars leaving the school before the expiration of a Term, claiming the consideration of the meeting - it is at this time concluded, that no scholar should be permitted to leave except for sickness or [illegible]

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unusual circumstance, which in the opinion of the Committee may render it expedient, and that in cases where Scholars thus leave, that none of the tuition fees shall be refunded, except in cases of sickness, without the consent of the committee.-

It is also concluded that the semiannual examinations of the School shall commence at the rising of this Committee on the third day of the week, and that none of the scholars leave the school until the close of the examination, without liberty from the committee.

The meetings of the Sub Committee usually held on the week preceding the examinations of the School, are hereafter to be dispensed with.-

We appoint our friends [illegible], [illegible] Rowland Greene, Lemuel Jones, Samuel Taylor Jr, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, Edward Earle, John L. Lang, Thomas Anthony, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H. Anthony, Eliza R. Rowe, Rowland Howland Jr, Ann Almira Lang and Fanny R. [illegible] to take into consideration the subject of furnishing officers for the Institution, and to take such care in relation thereto as they may deem necessary and report to a future meeting.-

Signed on behalf of the School Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Second Month 5th. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 2d. Month 5th. 1850.- Present 23 members, v David Buffum, John Meader, William O. Taber, Edward Earle, Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boy Samuel Taylor Jr, George Howland Jr. William [illegible] Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth Meader, E Metcalf, Joanna Peck, Lydia R. Kelly, Mary C. Breed, C. Anthony, Rhoda Howland Jr., Rachel S. Howland, [illegible] and Ann B. Earle.-

The minutes of the Sub Committee of 10th. mo 30th & 11th 1849 and 1 mo 1. 1850 were laid before the Meeting and read their proceedings were approved.-

The number of scholars 10 mo 30 was 121 - 65 males & 56 12 mo 4. - 151 - 81 males & 70 females, and 1 mo 1. 1850 - 152 - 81 m & 71 females.- The sum of $286.65 of the bequest of [illegible] hundred Dollars made by our late friend Abraham [illegible] for the purchase of maps, philosophical apparatus &c. has been app for those purposes.- An arrangement has been made with George Pierce of Providence to occupy the place recently [illegible] by [illegible] the Pair in giving instruction in the language [illegible] from the commencement of the present term for the compensation of $150.- per annum - A french grammar by [illegible] & Parmentier has been approved for use in the school - and the state of the Schools and the course of instruction has be generally satisfactory.-

A report from the Superintendent is received at this time and placed on file, by which it appears that the number of scholars is 146 - viz 78 males & 68 females.-

The committee for the more immediate care of the schools the last month report as follows.—

"To the School Committee — The Sub-Committee appoint the more immediate supervision of the Schools the last month [illegible] that the performance of their duty [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the School [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

from its general appearance that there was ground for encouragement. - The time spent in the schools was necessarily short and the Committee consequently feel difficient of expressing a very decided sentiment in regard to its management but the result of their observation led them to the unamonous conclusion that a very considerable improvement was manifest in the boys department during the past month evinced by their more orderly behaviour, and by the character of their recitations, notwithstanding many of the boys were quite backward in their studies, and a few appeared to be negligent and indifferent. - We have arranged temporarily for an assistant female teacher in the boys school, who has been so engaged the last month and gives good satisfaction and we thought her labour profitably bestowed. -
The reading and recitations in the girls department were very satisfactory - some of them reading extremely well. - Their manners and deportment were as far as we observed alike creditable to themselves and their care takers. -
By direction of the Committee ——— Wm. C. Taber"

Which is satisfactory - and the committee are desired to consult the assistant Teacher referred to in relation to an engagement for the remainder of the term & report to our adjourned session. -

The Committee appointed 10th. mo. 4th. to take into consideration the subject of furnishing Officers for the Institution, inform that some attention has been given to their appointment. - They are desired to confer with suitable Friends for the services of Superintendents & Teachers or in the more subordinate stations for the year to commence with the next summer Term, and report to the adjournment of this Committee. -

We appoint Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor Jr., Eliza B. Boyce & Rachel [illegible] [illegible] for the more immediate charge of the schools &c. the coming month. -

We adjourn to the 3d. hour this afternoon. -

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Afternoon – the Committee again met.–

The Committees who were desired this morning to confer
with suitable Friends, to serve the Institution as Superinten
& Teachers &c. now report:– "That they have conferred w
Silas Cornell and Sarah Cornell in relation to their contin
ance, in the station of Superintendents, after the expiration
the present Term, and they expressed their willingness so
engage for another year at the same rate as [illegible]
heretofore viz. $1000.– per annum – with the understand
they are at liberty to leave by giving the committee
months previous notice – with the same liberty to the
committee to supply their places by giving them the same
notice.–

"They have also conferred with Charles Atherton, and he ex-
pressed his willingness to reengage as Teacher in the Boys Sch
for the year commencing with the next Term at the former
rate of compensation viz. $500 for the year and that in
addition he be allowed the board of his wife gratuitously
in the Institution & the privilege of the school for his d
should he desire it.–;

"They have also conferred with Anne B. Page in reference to
her continuance in the Institution as Teacher in the girls
school, after the present term, which she is willing to do
at the rate of compensation of $250.– per annum – the
engagement to continue thro' the summer term – She
agreeing to give three months notice if she means to discon
[illegible].–

"They have also conferred with Mary W. Thorndike respecting a
engagement with her to teach for one and a half hours each
such classes of small boys as shall be put under her care
her compensation to be free board & tuition in the Institu
during the time she [illegible]" –

The above arrangements are satisfactory to the
Committee.–

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The same Friends also inform, that they have conferred with Richard D. Meader, Welcome C. Brown and Martha M. Tains now Teachers in the Schools, and they decline extending their present engagements.-

The subject of supplying the vacancies in the schools occasioned by the termination of the engagements of Teachers is referred to Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jemima Boyce, [illegible] Boyce Jr., George Howland Jr., [illegible], [illegible] Boyce & Sarah W. Anthony - who are desired to make such arrangements in relation thereto as they may consider necessary with the approbation of the Sub Committee.-

It is the conclusion of the Committee that for the future the minutes of the Sub Committee be recorded in the book of records of this Committee.-

We appoint William C. Taber, Perry Peck, Stephen A. Chase & William A. Robinson to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund, and those of the Superintendent and report the same to a future meeting of this Committee.-

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Third Month 5th. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee held at the School House 3rd month [illegible] - Present 13 members viz, [illegible], John Meader, Perry Peck, Jemima Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, [illegible], [illegible] Meader, Anna Peck, Sarah W. Anthony, [illegible], [illegible] Rowland & [illegible] Boyce -

The committee for the more immediate care of the Schools &c. of last month - Report - "that two of their number have spent the most of two days at the Institution, attending Meetings for worship [illegible] exercises witnessed.- One other of the Committee has [illegible]

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"visited the school during the Month to good satisfaction.–
"[illegible] of the schools & improvement [illegible]
"[illegible] satisfaction. [illegible]
"that some care from the Committee in relation to the instruc
"& exercises in writing particularly in the boys school, would
"[illegible], that not sufficient time is [illegible]
"nor so much attention from the Teachers given in its instr
"as would be best".– And the [illegible] of the Com

~~Which~~ is satisfactory – And the subject of instruction in
writing is referred to the Committee for the coming month, to
which service we appoint Samuel Boyce Jr., Joseph [illegible]
Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Metcalf [illegible]

The committee on Teachers appointed last month
are continued & Joseph Metcalf is appointed in addi
thereto.–

A Report from the Superintendent is presented & [illegible]
is on file. The present number of scholars is 144 [illegible]
76 males and 68 females.–

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, [illegible]

Fourth Month 9th. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the
School House 4th. Month 9th. 1850 – Present at this time
15 members, viz, Joseph Metcalf, [illegible]
[illegible], Samuel Boyce Jr., [illegible]
[illegible], William A. Robinson, [illegible]
Elizabeth Meader, Eliza [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] –

The clerk being absent Samuel Boyce was appointed
for the day.–

The Committee for the more immediate care of the School
for the [illegible] month, report – that they have [illegible]

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to the superintendent as appeared necessary, and that the appearance of the schools was satisfactory.—

The Committee upon the subject of Teachers, Report, that Moses [illegible] is willing to engage as a Teacher in the boys School for one year, for the compensation of 250. Dollars.—

They also report that Ann [illegible] is willing to engage as teacher in the girls school for one year, for the compensation of 200 Dollars.—

They further report that Elizabeth Trosser is willing to engage as Teacher of Drawing in both Schools, and to render such other service in both Schools, as may appear necessary for one year, for the compensation of 100 Dollars. It being understood that she is excused from having any of the government of the scholars out of school hours.—

All which is satisfactory to the committee.—
Several applications for the admission of scholars, have been made which have been acted upon by the committee, as entered upon the application book.—

A report from the Superintendent was presented & answered, which is placed on file.— The present number of scholars, is 127 viz 65 males, & 62 females.—

We appoint our friends Samuel Boyce, [illegible] William C. Taber, Eliza A. Osborne, Eliza R. Boyce and Saml. Earle, to prepare an essay for an annual Report to the Yearly Meeting and present the same to an adjournment of this meeting for approbation.—

Adjourned to meet again at Newport on Fourth day morning previous to our next Yearly Meeting at 8 o'clock.—

Samuel Boyce
Clerk for the day

Fourth Month 30. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee, held at the School House 4th. Month 30th. 1850 - Present ten members viz. - Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Samuel Boyce, [illegible] [illegible] Boyce, William A. Robinson, George [illegible] Stephen A. Chase, Elizabeth Meader, Eliza B. Boyce and Mary [illegible].

We appoint William A. Robinson, David Buffum, Eliza A. Osborne & Mary S. Breed to have the more immediate ca of the schools &c. the coming month.-

Applications for admission have been considered a the conclusions entered on the book of applications.-

A Class book of Zoology by B. Jaeger being before the committee is approved for use in the school

David Buffum on behalf of those members of the committee who attended the examination at the close of the last term, informs that on that occasion the deportment of the scholars was satisfactory - and their progress in their studies creditable to both scholars and teachers, and on the whole the appearance of the school was as good as at previous examinations.-

By reports from the Schools it appears that the present number of Scholars is 52 - viz 25 males & 27 fe

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

5th Month 5th. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee held at the School House 5th Month 4th. 1850 - Present 14 members viz. Rowland Greene, John Osborne, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Peter Peck, Joseph Metcalf, [illegible] Buffum, William J. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Eunice Metcalf, Joanna Peck, Mary B. Breed, Rhoda W. Howland, & Rachel S. Howland. -

The Committee for the more immediate care of the School in the last month report, "that they have in a good degree paid attention thereto - and have spent some time in the schools and family. - They find the affairs of the Institution including the state of the schools in a comfortable condition, and the scholars orderly in their deportment, and they think favourably of the state of the Schools."

Which report is satisfactory. -

We appoint John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Eunice Metcalf, and Rhoda Howland to have the ^same oversight for the coming month. -

Reports from the Superintendent and from the School's [illegible] The arrangement of the [illegible] [illegible] were read and examined. - The present number of scholars is 70 viz 40 males and 30 females. -

Several applications for admission are considered and conclusions entered in the book of applications. -

Signed by direction of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Sixth Month 15th. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at [illegible] 15th. 1850 by adjournment from 4th. month 9th. 1850 — Present 19 members viz. Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase [illegible] [illegible], William A. Robinson, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lydia H. Jones, Anne C. Minot and Eunice Mitchell.—

The Committee appointed second Month 5th. to audit and settle the accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School [illegible] reported as follows viz. "To the School Committee — The [illegible] of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined — [illegible] [illegible] four hundred and two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars has been carried to the acc[illegible] of the general fund, and the balance of that account now in his hands is sixteen hundred and thirty three $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars.— It appears by the Superintendent's account, that the total cost [illegible] [illegible] thirty nine $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars, and that the sum in the hands of the [illegible] will be very nearly required to settle the unpaid accounts of the [illegible] showing a deficiency [illegible] resources to meet the expenditures of four hundred and thirty [illegible] from which may be deducted the sum of [illegible] eighty nine [illegible] Dollars now due from Scholars for last Term, leaving two hundred forty six $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars against a balance in Treasurer's hands in the spring of 1849 of five hundred and eight [illegible] Dollars [illegible] two hundred and sixty two [illegible] Dollars [illegible] what has been received on account of the present Term — For further particulars of information see memorandum accompanying this report". "William A. Robinson, for the Committee"

ovidence 6mo4th 1850 Which Report is accepted.—

The following is the memorandum, referred to in the above report viz.—

[illegible] Month 15th. 1850

[illegible] 18[illegible] - Whole expenditures as shown by Supt.s Books = 12.910.47
Stationary &c. omitted in proper place, add .377.25
13.287.[illegible]

Outstanding - - - 1.561.08
Whole outlay of year 1849 - 1850 - - - $14.848.80
Less [illegible] for account of past terms - - - 309.56
Expenses of 1849=50 - - - $14.539.24

In hand 4mo-30. 1849 - - -	118.04	Pd. Superintend.t & Teachers	2.851.02
[illegible] of Sen[illegible]	6.000.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] of D. Buffum, Scientific fund	287.80	Pd. for Repairs & furniture	1.131.30
[illegible] tuition past terms	92.70	Pd. for [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] stationary [illegible] sold	133.93	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Tuition [illegible]	6.484.52	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] 1561.08 [illegible] 168.63			
	1.422.[illegible]		
	= 14.539.24		

Treasurer's Account

[illegible] hand Spring 1849	508.77	Paid S. Cornell Superintend.t	6.[illegible].00
[illegible] Dividends & Interest for [illegible] ending Spring 1850	6.958.20	Paid Int. & Insurance as per his account	235.70
[illegible] of Charitable fund	402.50	Balance in hand Spring 1850	1.633.77
	$7.869.47		$7.869.47

The items of receipts and expenditures as stated in the Report to the [illegible] Meeting were ascertained from the above [illegible]

[illegible] Supt.s [illegible]	14.539.24	Income from funds by Treas.r	6.958.20
[illegible] 133.93		Less income from farm fund	363.00
[illegible]		Income from School funds	6.595.20
[illegible]	784.[illegible]		
	13.754.51	Whole amt. expended	13.754.51
		Of which [illegible] from School funds 6.595.20	
		Amt. of [illegible] 246.59	6.841.79
		Income from board, tuition & other sources	$6.912.72
		[illegible]	[illegible]
		[illegible] tuition & other sources	6.912.72
		[illegible] income	13.507.92
		[illegible]	246.59
			13.754.51

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The Committee to [illegible] in [illegible] a Report [illegible] the following, which being read [illegible] and adopted and the clerk is [illegible] to sign it on behalf of the Committee, and lay it before the Yearly Meeting

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, sixth Month [illegible]
We your Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding [illegible] Providence have given attention thereto. Meetings of [illegible] [illegible] of a sub-Committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there Monthly in the intervening months, at which [illegible] on the condition of the School, have been received from [illegible] of the committee deputed to visit it and examine into its [illegible] in the intervals of these Monthly Meetings.-

"[illegible] pretty intimate [illegible] condition of the Institution in its various departments [illegible] kept up by the Committee; and we are encouraged [illegible] that this condition has been generally much in accordance with the wishes of Friends.-

"The labours of the Committee have been at times [illegible] and bestowed to encourage the attention of the Teachers and [illegible] scholars to the common and indispensible branches [illegible] English education, such as will fit them to fill the common [illegible] [illegible] a neglect of [illegible] [illegible]

"Yet we think it right to furnish in the School [illegible] instruction in some of the more advanced studies, such [illegible] mathematics, astronomy, the [illegible] natural philosophy &c. But we believe that [illegible] of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting - [illegible] Institution will be most [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] common [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] ment by [illegible] the Institution as Superintendent and [illegible] Atherton and Richard D. Mender as Teachers in the boys school, with the addition of Welcome O. Brown during the winter term. In the girls school as Teachers, we have had the services of [illegible] Page and [illegible] the year. [illegible] in the languages has been given [illegible] for a part of the year by Lafayette Burr and for the remainder by George Pierce.-

The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one viz fifty one males and fifty females.-

The family has generally been [illegible] harmony has prevailed. Meetings for worship have been regularly held, as heretofore in the house.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund, have been examined and audited.-

The expenditures of the School during the year ending [illegible] have been [illegible] thousand [illegible] fifty [illegible] Dollars, fifty [illegible] cents.

The Income from the School fund has been [illegible] hundred, ninety five Dollars, twenty cents—and from board and tuition of Scholars and other sources, Six thousand [illegible] hundred [illegible] Dollars, seventy two cents.— Total Income [illegible] thousand nine hundred, seven Dollars, ninety two cents—being less than the [illegible] by the sum of Two hundred forty [illegible] Dollars fifty nine cents.

[illegible] in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the [illegible] Dollars [illegible] cents less than the balance in hand last year—that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income.—

According to the [illegible] of the [illegible] last year [illegible] as near as might be the actual [illegible] for the board and tuition of a scholar at the school and found the same to be sixty six Dollars per Term, and that sum according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting has been charged the last Term for children members of other Yearly Meetings.

The committee apprehend that this conclusion [illegible] is one which it may be well to review; — and they think it [illegible] suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition, and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting. They therefore believe it right instead of [illegible] [illegible] usually done to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] believe usefulness to the school would arise from the members [illegible] [illegible] the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be recommended. —

[illegible] our view of children remaining through the Term they enter, and being present at the examination at its close: [illegible] to the care takers at the school, and to the committee [illegible] [illegible] serious loss has also often resulted to the scholars, [illegible] as well as inconvenience to those who remain —

[illegible] concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be [illegible] the well being both of its objects and of the [illegible] is [illegible] truth and instruction in the testimony of [illegible] up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it". We trust the interest of Friends on [illegible] has not abated and we feel encouraged to believe that the school has [illegible]

[illegible]

Sixth Month 21. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at Newport 6 month 21st. 1850 - Present fourteen members:-

By information from the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting, it appears that the following Friends were appointed a School Committee for the ensuing year viz: Samuel [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr., William C. Taber, [illegible] Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, [illegible] [illegible] Pope, Benjamin Buffum, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Buffum, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Sophronia Page, Rhoda Howland Jr, Mercy [illegible] [illegible], Lydia [illegible], Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] S. Pope, [illegible] any vacancies.

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk of the Committee for the ensuing year.-

We adjourn to meet at the School House on third day before the second fifth day in next month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

[illegible] Month 9th. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] members [illegible] William [illegible] [illegible] Jones, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Congdon, [illegible] Buffum, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Boyce, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Farnum, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Seventh Month [illegible] 1830

It is concluded that the Meetings of this Committee be the s[illegible] as last year viz. - On third day before the first fifth day in the second and eighth months, and on third day of the week of the close of each term of the school, at 11 oclock in the forenoon

We appoint the following Friends to have the more immediate care of the schools in the recess of this Committee - to meet monthly and act on our behalf - the records of whose proceedings may be entered on the records of this Committee and read at our next Meetings viz. Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Ho[illegible] Samuel Boyce, David Buffum, George Howland, Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] [illegible], Susan Howland, [illegible] Breed, Mary B. Farnum, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza B. Boyce, Rachel S. Howland, Ann B. Earle, Sophronia Page, Lydia R. Kelly and Elizabeth A. Osborne.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools appointed 6th mo 5th for the then coming month, now report attention was paid to their appointment - and George Howland, Gideon C. Smith, Ann B. Earle & Lydia R. Kelly are appointed to the same service the coming month.-

We appoint John D. Lang, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, Phebe Howland Jr, Eunice Metcalf and Eliza B. Boyce, [illegible] Oliver and Rachel S. Howland to give the needful attention to the subject of supplying the schools with Teachers for the winter term and report to the sub-committee.-

Anne B. Page has given the notice provided for in the agreement made with her in the second month last.-

The Report of the superintendent is received and the present number of scholars is 70 viz. 40 males & 30 [illegible]

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Seventh Month 30th. 1850

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 7th month 30th 1850 Present 18 members viz. George Townsend, Joseph Roberts, William C. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Samuel Hayes, [illegible] Powell, Samuel [illegible], George Townsend Jr., [illegible] [illegible], Gilbert Congdon, Hannah L. Robinson, [illegible] [illegible], Susan Townsend, [illegible] [illegible], Rachel S. Townsend, Ann Brown, Eliza H. Hayes, [illegible] R. Sobey.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the last month Report that several of them have visited the family and schools, and the general deportment of the students and the harmony and good feeling prevailing in the family have been very satisfactory to them.-

We appoint Gilbert Congdon, George Townsend Jr. [illegible] Townsend and Sarah F. Sobey for similar services the ensuing month.-

The Superintendents report is received and read.- The present number of students is 72 - Boys 41 - Girls 31.- The arrangement of the classes and the time devoted to the several exercises was passed in review by the committee and some [illegible] subjects connected with these arrangements having been freely spoken to, they were committed to the consideration of the Committee for the more immediate care of the schools the coming month, to further the views now expressed.

[illegible] admission [illegible] [illegible] appointed.

It is concluded that the hour of Meeting of this and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the several days of their Meetings until otherwise concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
[illegible] Clerk

Ninth Month 3d. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee held at the School House Ninth Month 3d. 1850 - present 13 members - viz. [illegible] Howland, John Osborne, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel [illegible] [illegible], William C. Taber, Gideon C. Smith, William [illegible] [illegible] Howland Jr, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Mary J. [illegible] and Sarah F. Tobey.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month - report "that several of their number have spent some time in the schools and all of them have given attention to their appointment - and that the state of the schools as [illegible] appears to be satisfactory.- On the subject of the arrangement [illegible] the classes and hours of study, they have on consideration, com[e to] the conclusion, that at the advanced period of the Term, it wi[ll] not be best to make any different arrangements at present. But for the coming term they think advantage would [illegible] some greater condensation of the classes, including a [illegible] number of scholars in each - so that more of the time of the Teachers, both in school hours and out would be at liberty when they might give individual instruction in explanation of the studies of the scholars."-

The report is satisfactory, and on further consideration [illegible] the subject of hours of study and recitation, we are unanimous in the conclusion - that during school hours all the Teachers should be present, and that such parts of the school hours [illegible] the Teachers are not engaged in hearing the recitations of c[lasses] should be appropriated by them to individual instruction in answer to questions by scholars or otherwise, and that the scholars should, so far as practicable [illegible] time for rest, exercise and recreation by the Teachers, at all [illegible] have access to them for these purposes.-

It is also our conclusion that the morning and evening [illegible] should be equally with others, schools for recitation - and sh[ould] be appropriated to the teaching of English grammar [illegible]

[illegible]

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copy of this minute, in order that from and after the commencement of the coming winter term its provisions may be observed.-

The Superintendents Report is received and read.- The present number of scholars is 69 viz. males 38 females 31.-

The Committee on Teachers report that they have had the subject of their appointment under consideration [illegible] opinion that further time is required to complete [illegible] arrangements on the subject of Teachers.- The Committee is continued to report to an adjournment of this Meeting, and Mary B. Farnum and Sarah F. Foley are added thereto.

Communications from three of the Monthly Meetings containing names of applicants for admission on the Charitable fund, agreeably to the conclusion of our last Yearly Meeting are now received. But believing that all the Monthly Meetings have not had sufficient time or notice of the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting on the subject, we conclude to adjourn to meet again on third day the 24th. instant.- And the Clerk is desired to notify the correspondents of the several Monthly Meetings that applications for the benefit of the Charitable fund may be made to such adjournment.

We appoint William A. Robinson, John Osborne, Mary B. Farnum and Ann B. Earle for the more immediate care of the School the coming month.-

It is our conclusion now to appoint a Committee for the purpose of examining the qualifications of those who propose to engage as Teachers in the School, and George Howland Jr. [illegible] Foley are appointed members of this Committee.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Ninth Month 24. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee held by adjournment at the School House 9mo. 24th. 1850 - Present fifteen members viz. Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, William A. Tabor, Nathan Breed, Samuel Boyce, [illegible] Buffum Gideon L. Smith, Gilbert Congdon, William [illegible], Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Buffum, Mary C. Breed Sarah F. Tobey & Eliza B. Boyce.-

An arrangement is now made with George Pierce to continue his services in giving instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages, for one year from the commencement of the coming Winter Term. He to devote thereto, two hours per day for five days each week. His compensation to be $175. for the year.-

The Committee on Teachers propose Deborah [illegible] as Principal Teacher, Ann Inman as second and Mary Brooks as third Teachers in the girls school for the coming Winter Term. Which propositions are approved, subject to the examination of the Committee for the examination of the qualifications of Teachers.- The compensation of the principal Teacher to be at the rate of $200.- per annum and of the second the same - and of Mary [illegible] at the rate of $100.- per annum.-

The Committee on Teachers is continued for such further service as may be necessary, and they are specially requested to give attention to provide for instruction in the French Language.-

The Committee have had under consideration the applications received for the admission of [illegible] board and tuition from the income of the charitable [illegible] - applications having been made for 35 children from sixteen of the Monthly Meetings, - and from these [illegible] fourteen have been selected, who are to be admitted either for the coming Winter, or [illegible] being the number, which the Income of the Fund will provide for - and the Clerk is directed to give notice to those admitted.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

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At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 10th. month 8th. 1850 Present 15 members - viz.- George Howland, John Osborne, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Taylor Jr., [illegible] Jones, Samuel Boyce, [illegible] Jones, William C. Taber, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Mary Williams, Rhoda Howland Jr. and Sarah F. Tobey.-

We appoint Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann B. Earle & Anna J. [illegible] to advise and assist the Superintendents and Teachers in the proper arrangement of the classes at the commencement of the coming Term, in order to carry into effect the conclusions of the Committee on that subject at the Meeting last month.-

The Committee on Teachers propose that Louise [illegible] a teacher of the French Language be engaged for the coming winter Term, to give lessons in that language to such scholars as may desire such instruction, with the approbation of their parents.- Such lessons to be given for an hour and a half in a day for three days in the week.- The compensation of the teacher to be fifty dollars for the term.-

The Committee on Teachers are continued & authorized to supply any vacancies in the School for the coming Term.

Communications from four of the Monthly Meetings, con[illegible] the Charitable Fund, have been received since the Meeting of the Committee on the 24th. of last month.- As these applications

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have come to hand too late to be considered the present year, they are directed to be placed on file for consideration another year.

It is our conclusion in order that the regular length of Terms be preserved, that the present Term terminate with the present week - and that after a vacation of three weeks, the coming Winter Term commence on Second day the 4th. of 11th. month, and continue 24 weeks, and close on 7th. day the 19th. of 4th. month next. - That after a vacation of two weeks the next Summer Term commence on second day the 5th. of 5th. month next, and close on seventh day the 18th. of 10th. month next.-

That the winter Term of 1851-2 commence on second day the 3d. of 11th month 1851 and close on seventh day the 17th. of 4th. month 1852 - and the Summer Term of 1852 commence on second day the 3d. of 5th. month, and close on seventh day the 16th. of 10th. month 1852.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month report, that some attention has been given to their appointment, and the state of the Schools so far as appeared was satisfactory. The schools & family were moving along in much harmony.-

The superintendents report is read - the present number of scholars is 66 - viz 36 males and 30 females.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

Eleventh Month 5th. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee, held at the School House 11th. month 5th. 1850 - Present 19 members viz. Rowland Greene, George Howland ~~Jr.~~ Nathan Breed, William C. Taber, David R. Aiken, George Howland Jr., David Buffum, William J. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf, Mary Williams, Mary E. Breed, Rhoda Howland Jr., Anna T. Dennis, Sarah H. Tobey, Ann B. Earle, Eliza B. Boyce, & Eunice Metcalf.

The Committee on Teachers are continued with the same authority as last month and William J. Robinson is appointed in addition.

Some changes in the elementary books used in the school being proposed, we appoint George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, Sarah H. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis & Ann B. Earle to advise with and direct the Superintendents and Teachers in relation thereto.-

We appoint William C. Taber, David Buffum, Mary E. Breed & Eunice Metcalf to have the more immediate care of the Schools &c. the coming month.-

A petition from sundry persons now or lately connected with the school is now received in reference to the supply of good water for use in the school, and for the providing of conveniences for bathing, which is referred to a committee of the following members viz. Joseph Metcalf, George Howland and George Howland Jr., Nathan Breed, David Buffum, William J. Robinson who are desired to examine into the present supply & quality of the water and consider the subject of providing conveniences for bathing and report thereon.-

The following statement as the result of the late semi-annual examination of the schools is directed to be recorded viz.- "A number of the School Committee met at the School House on 3d. day the 8th. of 10th. month 1850.- The number of scholars in both schools is about twenty, and so far as we were capable of judging, the schools would compare favourably with any former year. We heard every class recite a lesson in

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every branch of learning, which they had been pursuing during the Term. Most of their performances were fair and some of them very good.- Some excellent pieces of composition were read to us both by males and females.- Their behaviour was commendable, and we believe we are warranted in saying that the school is useful in an eminent degree to the youth of our society,- creditable to the Teachers & Superintendents and we hope it may continue to receive the patronage and support of the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting."-

"Providence 9th. of 10th month 1850" "Anna [illegible]" [illegible]
"Mary Williams" Committee

The number of scholars entered on the register as now in the school is 102 - viz.- 51 males & 51 females.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk —

Twelfth Month 3d. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee held at the School House 12th. Month 3d. 1850 - Present 20 members viz Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, [illegible] Osborne, [illegible], David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, William A. Robinson, Edward Earle, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Eunice Metcalf, Sophronia Page, Mary C. [illegible], Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Lydia R. Kelley, Anna [illegible]

The Committee on Teachers report, that they have engaged the services of John Henry Crossman as assistant teacher in the boys school for the present Term for the compensation of [illegible] for the Term which is satisfactory

The committee appointed last month [illegible] proposed [illegible] in the [illegible] in the School report as follows viz. "To the School Committee, We have examined the books referred to us, and would recommend, the [illegible]

[illegible]

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Arithmetic, and Fowler's Spelling Book be used by the more advanced Scholars, and that Greenleafs Introduction to the National Arithmetic be introduced as ~~a~~ new classes are formed and new books are required for their use.-

Providence 1 mo. 12. 1850 Wm. C. Taber
[illegible]
Anna T. Dennis

Which report is accepted.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools the past month report, that they have at [illegible] visited the schools, and find that the general deportment of the scholars, and their attention to their studies are commendable application to their duties as scholars was very satisfactory.-

The Superintendents Report is received and read the present number of scholars is 118 viz. 59 boys and 59 girls.-

We appoint Gilbert Congdon, Gideon [illegible] Anna T. Dennis & [illegible] to have the more immediate care of the schools &c. the coming month.-

The committee [illegible] visit the schools - and were favoured to mingle in much religious [illegible] with the scholars, and under a renewed sense of the [illegible] with the Superintendence of this interesting family, to impart such counsel and advice as seemed needful, and to encourage the children in more dedication of heart, and consistency as members of a Friends School - and particularly to that simplicity of [illegible] recommended by the apostle, as the adorning which is in the sight of God of great price.-

Signed on behalf of the committee

Twelfth Month 31. 1850

At a Meeting of the Sub Committee held 12th month 31.1850 Present 17 members viz. Rowland Greene, George Howland Jr, [illegible] Samuel [illegible], William C. Taber, George Howland, Nathan Breed, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, Edward Earle, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Eunice Metcalf, [illegible] Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann B. Earle.-

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Committee to have the more immediate charge of the Schools the past month report, that they have visited both Schools and that the state of them was in the main satisfactory. Good order and harmony appeared to prevail and the attention of the Teachers and scholars to their respective duties was commendable. -

We appoint for a similar service the coming month William A. Robinson, George Howland Jr. Eunice Metcalf and Ann B. Earle.

The Superintendent presented the following report viz -
"Friends Y.M. B. School 12 mo. 31. 1850 - The number of scholars now in the
"Schools is 126 - viz. Boys 62 - Girls 64 - These numbers include all that
"stand on our books as scholars. - About 20 are now out of school with
"the measles. 16 of these are in the house, and the others have gone
"home, or to their relatives near by. - The classes are nearly the
same as last month. The class books herewith presented will
[illegible] "Silas Cornell Supt"

The Committee appointed in the 11th month [illegible] to supplying the Institution with water &c. are requested to give the necessary attention to the warming of the west wing of the house it appearing now to be inadequately performed and to any improvements about the house and premises that they may deem proper - to report to a future meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk for day -

Second Month 4th. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School house 4th. of 2d. Month 1851 - Present 23 members viz. George Howland, John Osborn, John D. Lang, David Buffum, Nathan Breed, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Taylor Jr. Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, David K. Aiken, William A. Robinson, Mary B. Buffum, Eliza A. Osborn, Elira Oliver, Sarah F. Tobey, Susan Howland, Mary E. Breed, Eliza B. Boyce & Ann B. Earle. -

The minutes of the last meeting of this Committee and those of the sub-Committee since that time were read - and the proceedings of the sub Committee are approved. -

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools the past month report, that attention has been given to their appointment, - the schools have been several times visited and the meeting for worship once attended - they have found the schools in as satisfactory a state as could be expected under the circumstances which have existed during the last month. The regular arrangements of the schools having been much interrupted from the prevalence of the measles among the scholars, forty six cases of that disease having occurred among them. -

The report of the Superintendent is now read and directed to be recorded and is as follows viz. -

"Friends Y. M. B. School, Providence 2d. month 4th. 1851."
"To the Committee, "The number of Scholars now in the school
"is 121. viz 61 Boys and 60 Girls. - The school has been visited with
"the measles during a few weeks past; which has passed over favour-
"ably in most cases. - Twenty two girls and twenty boys have been
"taken care of here; two boys went to their homes and two went
"to their relatives in the city. - These have returned. One girl went
"home, expecting to have the disease, but we have not heard from
"her. - The whole number of cases, not counting the last mentioned,
"is forty six. -
"Among this number was Mary Smith, daughter of ~~[illegible]~~ Moses Smith
"of Dartmouth Massachusetts. She was a girl of amiable disposition

"and very exemplary deportment. She took the disease while
"labouring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably
"tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined,
"and after being confined to her room only four days, her gentle
"spirit [illegible] on the morning of the 21 of last month, being
"a few days over 18 years of age.—
"There have been no material changes in the arrangement of th
"[illegible] they remain as shown in the [illegible] Book herewith
"presented".— "Silas Cornell, Superintendent".—

The circumstances brought to view in the foregoing re[illegible] of the prevalence of disease in the school, have introduced the minds of the Committee into much feeling of solemnity in [illegible] the mysterious workings of an overruling Providence—and our minds have been dipped into a near sympathy with the relatives of the dear young woman, whose decease is mentioned in the reports, feeling it to be a privilege as well as Christian duty to sympathize and feel with those who are called to mourn. At the same time we recognize it as a renewed mercy from th Father of mercies, that among the numerous cases which have occurred, all but one have been favoured to pass through the trying circumstances and been restored to health.—

We appoint John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor Jr. John Osborne, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, David Bu George Howland Jr., Susan Howland, Mary B. Farnum, Eliza A. Os Sarah F. Tobey, Mary E. Breed and Eliza R. Boyce to take into [illegible]sideration the subject of furnishing Officers for the Institution. And they are desired to confer with suitable Friends for the [illegible] of Superintendents and Teachers, or in the more subordi[illegible] for the year to commence with the next summer term or to s[illegible] any vacancies which may occur before that time—to report future meeting of this or of the Sub-Committee.—

We appoint Nathan Breed, David K. Aiken, Mary E. Bre[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] month.— We adjourn [illegible]

Second Month 4th. 1851

Afternoon met according to adjournment.-

The Committee appointed this morning to consider the subject of permanent officers for the Institution and to confer with suitable Friends to fill the various Offices - Report in part, that they have conferred with Silas and Sarah Cornell in relation to their reengagement as Superintendents and they express a desire to be released from the important and responsible duties of the station at the end of the present Term - at the same time that they are willing to retain their stations in the service of the Institution until the Committee can suitably supply their places.-

Upon a review of the services which our esteemed friends Silas and Sarah Cornell have rendered the Institution during the time of their connection with it; we think it right to record our sense of the value of those services to the best interests of the Institution and its inmates, and that their example of Christian walking and uprightness - their kind and [illegible] deportment and their firmness in the support of right order and the promotion of the habits of self government in their interesting charge have been highly beneficial in the furtherance of the objects for which the school was established, that is the religious and guarded education of those placed under its care.- And we desire for our dear friends the present Superintendents, that when they shall be released from their present responsibilities, they may retire from them with the answer of peace.

The Committee appointed this morning are continued and desired further to consider of the subject of the future government of the school and the selection of suitable friends to be employed as its officers and as way opens for it to confer with such Friends as they may think suitable to be so employed and to report either to this or to the next meeting.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Third Month 4th. 1851

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee held at the School House, 3d. month 4th. 1851 – Present 15 members viz. – Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, John Osborne, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon Samuel Boyce, Eunice Metcalf, Mary C. Breed, Lydia R. Kelly, Sarah F. Tobey, Anna J. Dennis and Eliza B. Boyce. –

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce is appointed Clerk for the day.

A Report from the Superintendent is received and read by which it appears, that there are now in the School 11 scholars viz 57 males and 59 females. –

The Committee to have the more immediate care of the schools for the past month, report – that three of their number have attended to their appointment and have spent one day in the school and one of them has attended one of their first day meetings; – that the recitations of the scholars' lessons appeared for the most part to be very good and their deportment orderly; and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory.

We appoint John Osborne, Samuel Boyd Tobey, [illegible] [illegible], and Sarah F. Tobey to have the more immediate care of the schools, for the present month. –

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Boyce
Clerk for the day.

Fourth Month 15th. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 4th. month 15th 1851 Present 23 members viz. –
Rowland Greene, George Howland, Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] Moon, Joseph Metcalf, Nathan Breed, Gideon C. Smith, William [illegible], Samuel Boyce, Abner Simpson, David [illegible], [illegible], William A. Robinson, Samuel B. Tobey, Mary B. Farnum, Susan [illegible], Eunice Metcalf, Charles Howland Jr., Mary B. Breed, Anna [illegible], Ann B. Earle, Sarah F. Tobey and Eliza H. Boyce. –

The minutes of the last meeting of this Committee, and those of the sub Committee since that time are read and the proceedings of the latter approved.

The Committee appointed in the second month on the subject of officers of the institution, now report – that they have confered with Charles Atherton and would propose that he be engaged as principal teacher in the male department for the year commencing with the coming summer term on the same terms as last year viz. $500.- per annum, with the privilege of the board of his wife and daughter and the tuition of the latter free of charge if he shall wish it. –

They have also confered with Moses C. Stevens and would propose that he be engaged as teacher in the boys school for the year at the compensation of $275. –

They have also confered with Deborah [illegible] and would propose that her services should be engaged as Teacher in the girls school for the year, at the same compensation as last year viz $200.- per annum.

They have also confered with Mary Ann Stanton of Pawtucket and would propose her for engagement as a teacher in the girls school for the coming summer term, her compensation to be $75.- for the term. –

They have also confered with Elizabeth Prosser with a view of [illegible] engagement in the [illegible] compensation to be $150. for the year. –

The Committee on Teachers also propose that John Henry Crossman

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[illegible] free board and tuition in the Institution the coming Summer Term in consideration of his agreement to render his assistance in such services in Teaching as he ma be called upon for, and his exercising a care over the scho out of school hours.-

These several propositions are approved and agreed by the Committee.- And it is concluded that Elizabeth Prosser be paid $150.- for her services the last year.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools the last month, report - that they have attend to their appointment.- They have spent one day in the and witnessed exercises in spelling and reading - The app ance of the scholars in these respects and their deportme was satisfactory.-

[illegible] appoint William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon and David Buffum to audit and settle the accounts of the Trea of the school fund and those of the Superintendent the past year - to report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee

We appoint Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samu [illegible] Susan Howland, Mary B. Farnum [illegible] [illegible] a copy of a report from the school [illegible] the Yearly Meeting, and produce the same [illegible] of this Committee; - on the subject of [illegible] holding meetings for worship for the scholars [illegible] the school house, having been at different times [illegible] [illegible] by the Committee; - [illegible] [illegible] that subject [illegible] [illegible] Superintendence of the school which may be [illegible] appointed by the Yearly Meeting being authorized as w [illegible] House and to direct that the scholars and same [illegible]

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The report from the Superintendent [illegible] read - The present number of scholars is sixty five being 18 males and 47 females.-

The adjournment of this Committee to conclude upon a report to the Yearly Meeting is to be holden at such time and place as the sub committee may direct.-

Signed on behalf of the School Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Fifth Month 6th. 1851

At a Meeting of the Sub-committee held at the School house 5th. month 6th. 1851 - Present eight members, viz. George Howland, Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson Sarah F. Tobey, [illegible] Dennis and Eunice Metcalf.-

The Clerk being absent William A. Robinson is appointed Clerk for the day.-

The Committee appointed to settle the Superintendent's & Treasurer's accounts not being prepared to report are continued.-

This Committee concluded upon the time of the next Yearly Meeting as the time at which the adjournment of the general Committee should be held.-

The following report relative to the annual examination was received and read - It was satisfactory.-

"To the School Committee - The spring examination took place at the [illegible] was attended by [illegible] of the Committee - It was [illegible] previous arrangement, conducted in a manner more satisfactory than on some former occasions.- The various studies in which the pupils have for the last term been engaged were all or nearly so brought into view and the evidence of knowledge afforded by the scholars was generally satisfactory.- The care [illegible]

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besides nearly forty pieces of composition which were mostly approved, and some general performances by the girls school in that capacity - Much order and harmony prevailed, an afforded happiness & enjoyment. The attention of the pupils is called, perhaps properly, to a very large number of studies and we think the division of time as now existing with rega to them, might be changed, with advantage - allowing mor time for the most substantial subjects, a knowledge of whi is very necessary for both sexes, and a properly regulated cou of this kind, would be better than the entire discontinuance any".-

"William A. Robinson"
"Providence 5 mo 6. 1851" "Sarah F. Tobey"

We appoint George Howland Jr., William A. Robinso Gilbert Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey, Eunice Metcalf and Ann J. Dennis to have the more immediate care of the schoo present month and their attention is particularly reque to the arrangement of the classes in the languages.-

The following report from the superintendent has bee read and accepted - Present number of pupils 16 males an 18 girls total 34. - "Friends Y. M. B. School Providence 5 mo. 6. "To the Committee, The inclemency of the weather at the op of this term has probably reduced the present number of sch less than usual - The numbers now in are 16 boys & 18 girls 34 in all"

"Silas Cornell, Superintenden

A number of applications have been considered and th decisions entered on the application book.-

Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey and Anna [illegible] to the committee to [illegible] the school [illegible] alterations and repairs.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
William A Robinson

Sixth Month 3d. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 6th. month 3d. 1851 by adjournment from 4th. month 15th 1851 it being also the time of the Monthly Meeting of the Sub-committee Present 16 members viz. Rowland Greene, John Osborn, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Joseph Metcalf, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Benjamin Buffum, Gideon [illegible], Thomas B. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Sarah [illegible], Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Jenkins, Sarah F. Tobey.

The minutes of the last meeting of this Committee and those of the sub-committee of last month were read and the [illegible] approved

The Committee appointed 4th. month 15th to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of the School fund, and those of the Superintendent now report as follows viz,

"To the School Committee The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent, have been examined. We find the amount received by the former on account of the charitable fund $420. has been carried to the account of the general fund, and the balance of that account we found to be $1.806 $\frac{30}{100}$, since reduced by paying to the Superintendent $1.627 $\frac{49}{100}$ to $178 $\frac{81}{100}$.

"We have gone pretty fully into the account of the Superintendent and report as nearly as we can well ascertain, that the whole outlay (including any money refunded to, or paid to scholars) for the last two years, has been $13.942 $\frac{62}{100}$ amounting with the $219 $\frac{65}{100}$ in Superintendent's hands to $14.162 $\frac{27}{100}$ which was the amount received from all sources and inclusive of $206 $\frac{37}{100}$ in his hands spring of 1850 and $197 $\frac{25}{100}$ received in advance from Scholars.-

"The amount now in Superintendents hands $219 $\frac{65}{100}$ with balance in the hands of the Treasurer $178 $\frac{81}{100}$ and the amount $115 $\frac{50}{100}$ due from Scholars say $113 [illegible] with the amount $197 $\frac{25}{100}$ due to scholars, leaves $316 [illegible] as the present means of the Institution.-

"We began spring of 1850 with $[illegible] in the hands of the Superintendent and now have $316 $\frac{71}{100}$ on hand or due to the Institution.-

"The outlay for the last year has been about equal to the receipts

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as here shewn, having on hand 54\frac{53}{100}$ more than a year since. "The book will be furnished with a memorandum showing the above sums in an arranged form". "For the Committee"

"Providence
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"William A. Robinson"
"Gilbert Congdon"

memorandum

means		outlay	
On hand 5 mo. 1. 1850	$206.32	Pd. Superintendents & teachers	$2.817.[illegible]
From Treasurer	8.000.00	House help & labour	1.719.87
From pupils in advance for ensuing term	197.25	Manure & improvements on real Estate	505.00
From Books &c. sold	182.40	Books & stationary	558.27
From David Buffum, literary fund	24.50	Oil and fuel	1.20[illegible]
From pupils for former terms	101.15	Repairs & furniture	1.[illegible]
From board & tuition	5.450.65	Farm Stock & incidentals	430.[illegible]
		Books, from Scientific fund	24.[illegible]
		Refunded to & paid Scholars	796.[illegible]
		Provisions	4.202.91
		Sundries	[illegible]
		Cash on hand	219.65
	$14.162.27		$14.162.27

Whole outlay	14.162.27	Income from School, pupils & other funds & interest	8.[illegible]
Deduct, expended on farm $505. for scientific books — 24.50 Cash on hand — 219.65	749.15	Deduct farm improvements	[illegible]
			$7.[illegible]
Expenditures for the year	$13.413.12	Outlay	13.41[illegible]
		Deduct income from School	7.[illegible]
			$5.9[illegible]
		add cash in hands of Superintendent	[illegible]
		Income from other sources	$6.137.[illegible]

The attention of the Committee on the subject of the accounts is satisfactory — And as it appears that the accounts of receipts and expenditures by the Superintendent are not kept in the form or manner, most satisfactory to the Committee, William A. Robinson & Gilbert Congdon, are requested to pay such attention to the subject of the accounts, and make such arrangements for their being [illegible] in the best [illegible].

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"The Committee to prepare an essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting, at this time produced the following, which being considered is approved and the Clerk is requested to sign the same, on behalf of the Committee and present it to the Yearly Meeting. viz. "To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth month 1851." "The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, — Report, — That they have given attention to their appointment, and continue to have met, as a Committee at large, and by sub-committees for the supervision of the School and its various concerns. —

"The Committee have they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavoured, according to their ability, to promote, in the Institution a religious, guarded education, consistent with our religious profession.

"The School during the year has been under the charge of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as superintendents. [illegible] Atherton and Moses S. Stevens have served as Teachers thro' the year in the male department, with the addition of John Henry Crossman, during the winter Term. In the female department we have had the services of Anna H. Page and Anna Thomas during the Summer Term, and of the last named, [illegible] W. Bowen and Mary W. Hawkes during the winter Term. — Elizabeth Proser has also been engaged as Teacher of Drawing, she has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given by George Pierce for both Terms, and in the French language, during the winter Term by Louis Carol a native French teacher.

"The average number of scholars has been ninety two, viz forty eight males and forty four females.

"During the summer Term the health of the family was generally good. In the winter Term the measles prevailed to a great extent among the scholars, there having been forty six cases, among one hundred and twenty one scholars in the school at the time.

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"It was cause of thankfulness, that all these cases terminated in recovery to health except one. Mary Smith daughter of Moses Smith of Portsmouth an interesting young woman of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment was removed by death. She took the disease while labouring under some other bodily infirmities which probably tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of first month 21st. being a few days over 18 years of age.-

"The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the school for the year ending with the winter Term have been $13.413.12.-

The income received from the School fund has been $7.495.- and from board, tuition and other sources $6.137.77.- Total income including balance of last year $13.632.77 - Leaving money in Superintendent's hands $219.65 - an amount about equal to that in hand in the spring of 1850.-

Included in the above expenditures the sum of $329.10 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of Scientific books from funds specially appropriated to these objects.

"We would propose that the Terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year viz. For members of our Yearly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term. For members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term; and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting Forty five Dollars per Term and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted Five Dollars per Term additional charge, being made in all cases, for instruction in the Languages.

"That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] of the [illegible] and any information [illegible] concerning them which may aid the School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee:- the condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund [illegible] the [illegible]. "For the schooling of such children [illegible] are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

"The subject of the continuance of holding meetings for worship for the children and family in the house, has been [illegible] during the year, solemnly considered by the Committee, and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly-Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein, of the Committee for the superintendence of the [illegible] being authorized as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the children and family of the Meetings for worship in Providence.-

"In conclusion we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the continued usefulness of the school, and for [illegible] we trust by friends [illegible] Providence, the school may be a [illegible] of our young friends [illegible] profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership [illegible] and increasing [illegible] principles professed by us, may be faithfully upheld before the world — and the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly observed amongst us — "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

[illegible] with.- With a view of all

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[illegible] with [illegible]ition, of what is required and expected of scholars, availing them selves of the priveleges of the school.-

A report from the Superintendent is received and read. The present number of scholars is 51. viz 26 girls and 25 boys.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the scho[ols] the past month, report, that attendance has been given by appointment and the schools visited. The clasification of the scholars, is thought to be better than in previous Terms.- Which is satisfactory, and Gideon C. Smith, William C. Taber, Lydia R. Kelly and Susan Howland are appointed [illegible] the coming month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Seventh Month 1st. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School [illegible] Seventh Month 1st. 1851.-

By the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, it appears, that the following Friends are appointed to constitute a Committee for the government and superintendence of the Boarding School for the [illegible] year, viz. Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Sam[illegible] [illegible], George Howland Jr, William C. Taber, [illegible] [illegible], Edward [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], Samuel Taylor Jr, [illegible] Buffum, George Howland, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Eunice Metcalf, [illegible] Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]a Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. [illegible] [illegible] Susan Howland, and Mary Williams -- Of whom are pres[ent] this time [illegible] members viz. George Howland, Samuel [illegible] Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon [illegible]

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David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Susan Howland, Mary E. Breed, Lydia R. Kelly, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce and Anna T. Dennis.-

We have also at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey. -

We appoint Stephen A. Chase Clerk of the committee for the ensuing year.-

It is concluded that the Meetings of this Committee be held Monthly, on [illegible] day, preceding the first [illegible] day in each month — except in the fourth and tenth months, when the meeting is to be held on third day of the last week of the Term.-

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the School committee on the subject of the rules of the School [illegible] statement of them; which being solidly considered is approved; and the Clerk is desired to procure the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the same, to supply the purposes [illegible] them.

Regulations for the Government of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, of the Society of Friends, at Providence.-

The Superintendents shall govern the family of the Institution under the direction of the committee.

They are also expected to have a general oversight of the Schools, and to exercise care over the literary, moral and religious instruction of the Scholars.

They are desired to [illegible] calculated to give a correct understanding of the condition of the school.

In case of any act of insubordination on the part of any scholar, affecting [illegible] are to communicate the same promptly to those members of the Committee to whom the information can conveniently be given, for the purpose of [illegible]

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Every book or publication, admitted into the School House for the u the scholars, must first have the approbation of the Committee.—

Every request on the part of scholars for temporary leave of abse the school, is to be made to the Superintendents, and they are to act therein according to their discretion.—

The scholars shall rise in the morning and retire at night, at s hours as the Superintendents shall direct: and it is expected (excep [illegible] circumstances as may in the judgment of the Superin render a deviation from the rule proper) that the school House sha closed for the night, at or before 10 o'clock.—

In the clothing of the children our well known christian testimo to plainness and simplicity is to be strictly observed; and parents and Committees of Monthly Meetings are earnestly requested to give due a to this subject previous to sending children to the school.—

The Superintendents are desired to make all necessary inspection of [illegible] and packages belonging to the scholars, or [illegible] when any article of clothing unsuitable for want of plainness or any oth improper article is found, it is to be retained, until the parents or gua ians are informed thereof. After which the article of clothing may b altered if necessary for the use of the pupil and the expense charge

No scholar is to go beyond the established limits of the walking grou without permission from one of the Superintendents, or such officer as may delegate to act in their stead; nor shall any go beyond the limi of the play grounds without liberty from one of the Superintendents [illegible] teachers; and the limits of these grounds shall [illegible] determined by the Committee.—

[illegible]

The walking grounds which may be used alternately by the [illegible] female scholars, shall consist of the public street next adjacent to the [illegible] and the ground of the city asylum, on the south [illegible] that institution. The open field in the [illegible] premises may be appropriated to the same purpose exclusively for the boys; and the grove South East of the School House, exclusively for the girls.—

The pupils both male and female are expected to conform with their punctuality to the regulations; the [illegible], to [illegible] prosecution of their studies, considering the value of every portion of their time, and in their conversation, they are to maintain the testimony of our Society in observing strictly the use of the plain scripture language. They are expected to cooperate with the officers of the Institution in maintaining that good government so important to their individual and collective benefit.

The practice of observing a time of silence at the table previous to and at the close of each meal as heretofore observed, and in accordance with the ancient usage and good order of our religious society, is to be carefully maintained, that so by a proper attention [illegible] of reverend thankfulness for the bounties of a gracious and beneficent creator, may be experienced, remembering that all our blessings both temporal and spiritual proceed from Him.

At the conclusion of the morning meal, and before the scholars retire to rest for the night, a portion of the Holy Scriptures is to be read by the Superintendent or one of the Teachers; and a suitable time allowed for meditation and solemn reflection thereon, with a humble hope, that He who through his inspired servants gave them forth, would mercifully vouchsafe as he is sincerely sought, to open them to the understanding and impress their sacred truths availingly upon the heart.—

These rules are to be read in the schools at the commencement and middle of each Term. And each scholar is to be furnished with a copy of them on entering the School. A continued disregard of any of them by any scholar, after due labour and admonition, will be considered a sufficient cause for the removal of such scholar from the Institution; it being considered that every pupil is pledged to their observance upon being admitted to the school.

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The [illegible] is requested to have [illegible] the printed [illegible] the rules, the conditions and prices of admission to the school, [illegible] the time of the commencement and termination of the Terms. And also the time of the Meetings of the Committee.-

The Yearly Meeting having united with the proposition [illegible] in the report of the School Committee on the subject, as way [illegible] open for it, of the discontinuance of holding meetings for worship for the family in the School House, and their attendance of meetings for worship in Providence. — This subject has now [illegible] the consideration of the Committee, and being carefully deliberated upon — it is now our conclusion, that for the future until the committee shall otherwise determine, the Meetings for worship [illegible] Providence shall be considered the Meetings for the School [illegible] family to attend. The Superintendents are to exercise their discretion as to the suitability from time to time of their atten[illegible] on account of weather, state of health & other circumstances.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools, [illegible] last month report; "that attention has been given to the appoin[illegible] The schools have been visited and many of the exercises of the [illegible] witnessed. One of the Committee has attended the Meeting [illegible] at the school. The deportment of the children, their attention [illegible] and the general appearance of the [illegible] all satisfactory." This report is acceptable to the committ[illegible] and Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, Anna [illegible] [illegible] Susan Townsend are appointed to similar services the coming m[illegible]

The Superintendents report is received and read. The [illegible] number of scholars is 55 viz 28 males and 27 females.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase

Eighth Month 5th. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 8th. month 5th. 1851 – present sixteen members viz.- Rowland Greene, John Osborne, Samuel Taylor Jr., George Howland; Samuel Boyce, James B. Tobey, William C. Taber, [illegible] Smith, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, George Howland Jr. Mary B. Farnum, Eliza A. Osborne, Sarah F. Tobey, and Anna T. Dennis.-

The Clerk being absent George Howland Jr. was appointed Clerk for the day.-

The Committee for the more immediate care of the School for the past month, made the following report viz.

"To the Boarding School Committee – I have given considerable attention to the object of appointment as one of the visiting Committee for the past month; spent three days at the Institution, heard all the classes in the girls school room, except the history class. The recitations satisfactory, the answers very prompt, with a few exceptions, the discipline and order of the school very agreeable, with a pleasant manner and feeling of [illegible] between the Teachers and scholars. The general order and arrangements of the family, as far as I had an opportunity of judging, at the table, and the deportment and attention of the scholars to the reading, and pauses, were becoming and consistent.- Fourth day attended the week day meeting in the City.-

"The general appearance, relative to plainness of the female scholars was far from satisfactory, and as the day was one of much leisure (a grammar school before breakfast being the only regular class for the day) Anna T. Dennis and myself conversed together, and were united in thinking it advisable to have the Teachers and scholars assembled in the girls school room, on the subject of their apparel, and believed we were authorized, as members of the Yearly Meetings Committee, to suggest some specific changes; – and after endeavouring to call the attention of the children to the inconsistency of their appearance

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under the care of Friends; and to interest their feelings on the subject, with an understanding of the concern of the Committee from time to time, as expressed by them — we proceeded to specify what changes we wished:- Their bonnets plain straw with white cape, and strings put on entirely plain and sim; or decidedly plain coloured ribbon.- Edgings and lace entirely excluded without any display of finery. - Their shawls to be plain in the present style of wearing them.-

"The Teachers and children, seemed very kindly, to enter into the concern, and though there were revolting feelings, they generally brought their bonnets &c. and were willing to make such changes as could well be made at the school, and to remember, if they came again another Term, they were to comply with the wishes of the Committee, in having their dress &c. conformable to the propositions suggested — And the Teachers were authorized to examine the trunks, and if any exceptionable article was found, they were to lay them aside or have them changed — and in any emergency, they were to apply to the female Superintendent, and if needful to the Committee."

"Susan Howland".-

They also made a verbal report of having visited the School [illegible] at several different times and found it in a satisfactory condition — both of which are very satisfactory to us. -

We appoint for similar services the ensuing month [illegible] Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Sarah F. Tobey and Eunice Mel

Stephen A. Chase (the Clerk of the Committee) in pursuan a minute made at our last Meeting, has caused to be pri the "Regulations for the Government of the School" &c. which presented at this time.- A portion of which is directed to be placed in the hands of the Superintendent and the Clerk is requested to forward a copy to the correspondent of each of our Monthly Meetings for the benefit of the scholars from those [illegible] ~~such~~ [illegible] ~~meetings~~.-

[illegible] applications for admission [illegible] upon [illegible]

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entered upon the application book. –

William A Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey and [illegible] are appointed a Committee to make further provision for the accommodation of the scholars to go to and from Meeting. –

The Superintendent's report is received & read; the present number of scholars is 51 viz 26 males and 25 females. –

The subject of the amount of time appropriated to study in this Institution being under consideration, it is concluded that on 2d., 3d., 4th., and 6th., days there be one hour appropriated to grammar before breakfast and the school hours each morning and afternoon. –
On 5th. day morning (except monthly Meeting week) from 8 to 9½ oclock, and afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock; on Monthly Meeting week the school [illegible] may be omitted and held on 5th. day morning; the school on 4th day afternoon generally to be held from 3 to 5 o'clock; [illegible] on 5th. day of that week to be the same [illegible] of other weeks. – On 7th. day one hour before breakfast for grammar and from 9 to 12 o'clock in the forenoon, during which time the usual course of studies to be pursued. –

It is understood that this arrangement is for the Summer term, during the winter term the [illegible] the place of the morning school. –

We appoint Rowland Greene, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, George Howland Jr. Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Taylor Jr. John [illegible], [illegible] Osborn, Sarah F. Tobey, Mary B. Farnum, [illegible] Metcalf, Ann Elmira [illegible], Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce & Mary C. Breed a committee to provide any necessary officers for the Institution. –

On behalf of the Committee
[illegible]
Clerk for the day

Ninth Month 2d. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 9th. month 2d. 1851 – present 18 members viz [illegible] in Osborne, George [illegible], Samuel [illegible] [illegible] Jr., Joseph [illegible], Gilbert Congdon, David K. Aiken, Nathan Breed, Stephen A. Chase, W. A. Robi [illegible], [illegible] C. Oliver, [illegible], Sarah [illegible] [illegible], Rhoda Howland Jr., and Rachel S. [illegible]

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools &c. the last month report, "that attention has been [illegible] appointment. The girls school has been visited, and many of the exercises of the scholars there [illegible] to good satisfaction. Arrangements were made for an examination of a like character in the boys sch which unavoidable circumstances prevented. –

The [illegible] of the Committee is satisfactory and we appoint Stephen A. Chase, Gilbert Congdon, Rhoda Ho [illegible] C. Oliver, to similar services the month ensuing.

The Clerk informed that he had forwarded copies of the "Regulations" to the correspondents of each of the Mo'l Meetings, as requested. –

Communications from five of the Monthly Meetings [illegible] fund are now received. – We conclude to hold an adj meeting on third day the 23d. instant to consider it [illegible] postponed from last year. The Clerk is desired to no [illegible]

The Superintendents report is received and read; the present number of scholars is 51 viz. 27 males & 24

On behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. [illegible]

Ninth Month 23d. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 9th. Month 23d. 1851 - by adjournment from 9th Mo. 2d. 1851 Present at this time 14 members viz.- David Buffum, Samuel B. Tobey, William C. Taber, Joseph [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Smith, Edward Earle, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland Jr. William A Robinson, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and Anna T. Dennis.-

The Committee have had under consideration the applications for the admission of scholars for the benefit of the [illegible] fund.- The names of 25 children have been presented by 17 of the Monthly Meetings. From these 14 have been selected who are, in the judgment of the Committee, most suitable now to be admitted for the coming winter or succeeding Summer Term at their option:- the income of the charitable fund being considered sufficient to provide for the number admitted.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of supplying the School with Teachers now inform that [illegible] will engage as an assistant Teacher in the Boys School for the coming Winter Term for the compensation, at the rate of $300. per annum which is satisfactory and he is engaged accordingly.-

The same Committee also inform that Charles H. Brownell will engage as Teacher of the languages for one year from the commencement of the next Term, to give instruction in the Institution in the same manner as has been heretofore done by George Pierce. His compensation to be $150 per annum.- Which is also satisfactory & he is engaged accordingly.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.-

Tenth Month 14th. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the Sch
House 10th. month 14th. 1851 Present 21 members, viz, Rowlan
[illegible], David Buffum, George Howland, [illegible] Jones, [illegible]
Jones, Samuel Taylor Jr. John Osborne, William C. Taber, Gilb
Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robin
George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, Ann B Farnum, Ma
Williams, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza C. Oliver, [illegible] Howland
Anna T. Dennis, and Ann B. Earle.-

George Peirce having circumspectly served the Institution
as Teacher of languages for the past two years, and desirin
be released from further service in the School, we think it
right to record that his services have been acceptable to u

Applications for admission to the School for the coming
winter term have been considered by the Committee. The
results entered in the book of applications.-

A suggestion being made of the desirableness of [illegible]
School House with Gas, we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey,
George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon
Stephen A. Chase to enquire into the practicability & expedien
of procuring the same to be done, and to report to a future
Meeting.-

During the past Summer under the care of the Committe
[illegible] a very complete arrangement for t
supply of rain water and its use in the facilities for bath
washing in the Eastern Wing of the School House has been m
and has been found to be highly beneficial to the Institutio
in promoting the health and comfort of the female memb
the family.- Our friend George Howland Jr. has [illegible]
faithfully given his personal attention and superintendenc
[illegible] to its completion, and has [illegible]
manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Ins
titution, and his liberality by paying the expenses incurred
[illegible]
[illegible]

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This proof of the interest of our friend in the prosperity of the Institution, is we trust duly appreciated by the Committee and will be by friends generally; and will be remembered by those who shall in coming time, enjoy the benefit of the great convenience thus generously supplied. - in accordance with the wishes of our friend George Howland and the judgment of the Committee - the bathing and washing facilities thus provided are to be for the exclusive use of the female members of the family. -

The Committee for the consideration of the subject of engaging Teachers at the school, report that Mary Jane Stanton will engage as associate Teacher in the girls school the coming winter Term for the compensation of $100. - for the Term to which the Committee agree and she is engaged accordingly

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools &c. the past month Report that the schools have been visited and many of the exercises of the scholars witnessed - The appearance of the scholars in respect to their proficiency in their studies and their general deportment was satisfactory - which report is acceptable. -

The Superintendent's report is received the number of scholars now is 49 viz 26 boys & 23 girls. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Eleventh Month 4th. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 11th. month 4th. 1851 - Present at this time 15 members, viz. Rowland Green, George Howland, Ann Stone, William C. Taber, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Edward C. Carl, Samuel Boyce, Susan Howland, Mary K. [illegible] Miriam [illegible], Sarah F. Tobey, Anna [illegible], & Ann B. Carl.

The Clerk being absent, Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.-

The Committee to enquire into the practicability & expedience of lighting the School House with gas, inform, that they have attended to their appointment, and that they are apprehensive that an arrangement cannot at the present time be satisfactori made for bringing it about: The Committee are continued and are desired to make further enquiry in relation to it & report to a future meeting

A report respecting the examination of the schools at the close of the last term is received at this time as follows viz.

"At the close of the Summer Term a number of the Committee attended the examination of the Scholars of both Schools in the various s that had engaged their attention, and are prepared to say, the proved satisfactory to them. The evidence of proficiency in their studies manifested by the scholars, gave proof of industry on their part, and faithfulness on the part of their Teachers. The demeanor of the pupils, and the general order of the Institution were sa- factory and encouraging, and our visit to the school was intere- ing and pleasant to us." On behalf of the Committee

Samuel Boyd Tobey.
Boarding School 11mo 4. 1851 Gilbert Congdon
Sarah F. Tobey
Anna [illegible]

Which is satisfactory to the Committee:-

Applications for the admission of Scholars [illegible] and acted upon by the Committee as entered upon the application book and as marked upon the list of scholars.-

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A report from the Superintendent has been received and read by which it appears, that the present number of scholars is 110 viz 62 males and 48 females.-

The Committee upon the subject of Teachers, Report, - That they have engaged [illegible] to serve as assistant teacher in the girls school for the present term for the sum of $87.50 which is satisfactory.-

We appoint William A. Robinson, [illegible], Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis to have the more immediate care of the Schools for the present month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

S. B.

Samuel Boyce Clk
for the day

Twelfth Month 2d. 1851

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 12th. Month 2d. 1851. Present at this time 14 members viz. David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John [illegible]. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, William A. Robinson, [illegible] E. Smith, Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] Furnum, Ann Almira Lang, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna T. Dennis & Ann B. Earle

The Clerk being absent Gilbert Congdon is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the Schools during the past month reported, that they had given attention to their appointment and found the affairs of the schools sat- [illegible] as far as appears. They also presented the following report relative to the subjects intrusted to them at our last meeting [illegible]

"[illegible] the Committee appointed for the more immediate care of the schools for the past month, - report, - that [illegible]

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The Committee for the introduction of a more efficient [illegible] [illegible] we think is in fair progress. Arrangement have been also made to give the persons employed about the house & premises an opportunity of dayly hearing the scriptures read.- "The usual concerns of the Institution appear to be in a satisfactory condition"

"[illegible] 1857" "William A. Robinson"
"Anna T. Dennis"
"Ann B. Earle"

A report from the Superintendents has been received by which it appears, the present number of scholars is 128 - viz 71 Boys and 57 Girls.-

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Osborne, Eliza Osborne, and Sarah H. Tobey to have the immediate charge of the schools for the present month.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Gilbert Congdon [illegible]

Twelfth Month 30th. 1857

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 12th. month 30th. 1857 - Present 19 members viz.- George [illegible], Samuel Boyd Tobey, [illegible] Samuel Taylor Jr. John Osborne, William A. Robinson, [illegible] Nathan Breed, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon [illegible] Smith Joseph Metcalf, George Howland Jr. Mary E. Breed, [illegible] Osborne, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Sarah H. Tobey, [illegible] [illegible] R. Kelley.

The clerk being absent George Howland Jr. was appointed clerk for the day.

[illegible]

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the apparent condition of the schools, and duties pertaining to them.- Which is acceptable to us.

The Superintendent's report is received, by which it appears that the present number of scholars is 114, viz. 53 Boys and 61 Girls.-

William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Lydia R. Kelley and Mary C. Brown are appointed to have the more immediate charge of the schools the coming month.-

The Committee on providing the Institution with officers for the ensuing year, made a report, which is acceptable to this committee, and as they suggest some change in the administration of the government of the schools, it is concluded to release them at their request from further service in the case:- and are appointed, George Howland, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, William A. Robinson, Sarah F. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis, Eunice Metcalf, and Susan Howland, to consider of the whole subject and what measures it seems to [illegible] the situation [illegible] in [illegible] any such change and report to a future meeting of this Committee.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Geo Howland Junr
Clerk for the day

G H. jr

Second Month 3d. 1852.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 2d. month 3d. 1852 - Present 19 members viz. [illegible], Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Samuel [illegible], William A. Robinson, [illegible], [illegible], Matthew Howland, [illegible], Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Mary [illegible], Mary C. Brown, Lydia R. Kelley, Eliza [illegible], Sarah F. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis, Susan Howland & Eunice Metcalf [illegible].

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools the past month — Report that some attention h been given to their appointment. The schools have been visit and the attention of the children and the appearance of the schools are generally satisfactory. Various matters connected with the interests of the school, some of them of an unpleas nature have claimed their attention, and the necessary care has been bestowed.—

Under the circumstances of the present case, and no to be taken as a precedent for any future action,— the Sup tendents are authorized to furnish clothing to the children in lieu of such as was destroyed or injured by fire in the clothes room in the east wing a few weeks since so far as the same may be necessary. The expense incurred to be pai by the parents if they are able and free so to do — and an deficiency to be supplied from the funds of the school.—

This Institution having now been in constant [illegible] with the short vacations since its first opening in the year 181 no sufficient time has been afforded, [illegible] [illegible] to render those [illegible] of the House, which the convenience, health and comfor the family require:— And it now appearing that some alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matter of great importance are now necessary to be done;— aft solid consideration, this Committee are united in the con clusion, that important advantages will be derived b vacating the school for the coming summer term, for the purpose of a thorough repair and [illegible] of the [illegible] House and buildings.—

We therefore now decide to lay this subject before the M for Sufferings, as the representatives of the [illegible] [illegible] their advice in relation thereto, which the Clerk is desir to do, by laying before that meeting a copy of this minute.

The Superintendents report is received and read:

The present number of scholars is 133 — [illegible]

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The Committee appointed last month to consider the whole subject of selecting suitable persons to fill the various situations contemplated in the school, now inform that they have had the subject of their appointment under consideration, but are not now prepared to make a detailed report. - They are continued under appointment for the service and desired to give such attention thereto as may be necessary, and particularly to the selection and engaging suitable Friends as Superintendents; - our friends Silas and Sarah [illegible] informing that they wish and expect to be released at the end of the present Term. -

Gideon C. Smith, David K. Aiken, Anna T. Dennis and Eliza B. Boyce are appointed for the more immediate care of the Schools for the ensuing month. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk. -

Third Month 2d. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 3d. mo 2d. 1852. Present 14 members viz. George Howland, John Osborn, David K. Aiken, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Boyce, Edward [illegible], Susan Howland, Eliza A. Osborn, Sarah T. Tobey, Ann B. [illegible], and Anna T. Dennis & Eliza B. Boyce.

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools for the past month, inform, that they have attended to their appointment and that they have visited the Schools and that the recitations of the scholars, and the general appearance of the schools were satisfactory.

A communication was at this time received from our [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Third Month 2d. 1852

"A communication from the Committee having charge of our Boarding School, was received at this time as follows viz. See minute of the School Committee, respecting vacating the School, adopted 2 mo 3d.-

And the proposition claiming our favourable consideration; this meeting approves of having the school vacated after the present Term, for the purposes set forth by the Committee, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting when it is recommended that the Committee bring the subject before that meeting in their Annual Report; and the Clerk is directed to furnish the School Committee with a copy of this minute"

"Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings At a Meeting held at Providence 2d. mo 4th 1852"

Signed "Samuel Boyce Clerk".-

And the School is accordingly to be vacated at the close of the present Term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting.-

A Report from the Superintendent is received, from which it appears that the present number of Scholars is 112 viz 59 males and 53 females.

We appoint William A. Robinson and John Osborn to examine and settle the accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer and report to a future meeting.-

The time being near at hand when the School is to be vacated for the purpose of repairing the house & premises, we appoint our friends George Howland, Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Buffum, John Osborn, George Howland Jr. William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Edward Earle, David K. Aiken, Susan Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza P. Boyce, Eliza A. Osborne, Ann B. Earle and Anna [illegible] to take the whole subject into consideration and to make such propositions and suggestions in relation thereto as in their judgment will answer the end Friends have in view in vacating the school; and they are requested to report at the next meeting of the Committee.

We appoint our friends Edward Earle, Gilbert Congdon, Ann B. Earle and Sarah F. Tobey to have the more immediate care of the Schools for the coming month.–

Adjourned to meet again at this place on 3d. day the 13th. of next month at 10 oclock in the morning.–

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Clerk for the day

Fourth Month 13th. 1852

At a meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 4th. month 13th. 1852: Present 19 members viz; John [illegible], John Osborne, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, David Buffum, William S. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr., [illegible] Smith, Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Breed, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Rhoda Howland Jr. Mary E. Breed, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna J. Dennis, Sarah F. Tobey and Ann B. Earle.

The Committee for the more immediate care of the schools for the past month report, that attention has been given to their appointment, and the state of the schools appears to have been satisfactory

The Committee appointed 12th. mo 30th. last, to consider the whole subject of providing the Institution with Officers, and arranging their duties now Report in part that they have consulted with Charles Atherton and ascertained his willingness, to take the station, perform the duties himself and supply the Institution with assistants, specified in the following memorandum – viz.

"Memorandum of understanding and agreement between the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School and Charles Atherton.

"It is understood and agreed between the Committee and Charles Atherton, that he shall be employed by them in the male department of said Boarding School as principal Teacher, and that he shall enter upon the discharge of his duties at the commencement of the Autumn Term in 1852.— He shall have the entire control of the male scholars in school and out, and have a care over them in sickneſs even when receiving the more immediate attention of the nurse.— He shall employ and pay from his own funds as many competent aſsistant Teachers and care takers as may be neceſsary to enable him fully to perform said duties to the satisfaction of the Committee, and said aſsistants shall be such as are approved by them.

"The instruction and management of the pupils by himself and aſsistants must be satisfactory to the Committee, to whom alone he shall be amenable, and he shall receive as compensation for the above services fifteen hundred Dollars per Annum, payable half yearly, the board of his wife and the board and tuition of his daughter at the Institution, if desired by him; and the board and suitable accommodation of himself and aſsistants, for whom provision shall be made, so far as it may be neceſsary to enable them to attend meetings and to go into the City of Providence, whenever the interests of the Institution shall require it.

"This arrangement to continue so long as it is agreeable to the parties and six months notice from either to that effect shall annul it.

"It is further understood that the nurse shall be provided and paid by the Committee".—

"The above agreement is based upon an understanding that the boys school does not so much exceed in number an average of 80 scholars, as to require an additional Teacher on that account".—

The same Committee farther report that they have consulted with Gertrude C. Whittier and have ascertained her willingneſs to enter into an arrangement to assume the station, perform the duties herself, and supply the Institution with

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aſsistants specified in the following memorandum viz.—

"Memorandum of understanding and agreement between the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School and Gertrude E. Whittier

"It is understood and agreed between the Committee and Gertrude E. Whittier that she shall be employed by them in the girls department of said Boarding School as principal Teacher and that she shall enter upon the discharge of her duties at the commencement of the Autumn Term in 1852.— She shall have the entire control of the girls in school and out, attend to their wardrobes, and have a care over them in sickneſs even when requiring the more immediate attention of the nurse.—

"She shall employ and pay from her own funds as many competent aſsistant Teachers and care takers as may be neceſsary to enable her fully to perform said duties to the satisfaction of the Committee, and said Aſsistants shall be such as are approved by them.

"The instruction and management of the pupils by herself and aſsistants must be satisfactory to the Committee, to whom as above she shall be amenable, and she shall receive as compensation for the above services twelve hundred Dollars per annum, payable half yearly, the board and tuition of her youngest sister, and the board and suitable accommodations of herself and aſsistants for whom provision shall be made, so far as it may be neceſsary to enable them to attend meetings and to go into the city of Providence, whenever the interests of the Institution shall require it.

"This arrangement to continue so long as it is agreeable to the parties and six months notice from either to that effect shall annul it.

"It is further understood that the nurse shall be provided and paid by the Committee."

This important subject has been deliberately considered by the Committee, and believing that the best interests of the Institution will be promoted by concluding arrangements agreeably to the foregoing report, the same are agreed to and concluded on, and the Committee having charge of the subject are continued and desired to complete the arrangements accordingly.

In view of the proposed vacation of the school the ensuing Summer – the committee above named have considered the subject of the necessary care and supervision of the School House, farm and premises during such vacation, commencing at the end of the present Term, and have ascertained that Charles and Mary Atherton are disposed to remain with their daughter as residents in the house, and are willing to take the necessary care and supervision contemplated, for the compensation of two hundred Dollars for such services during the vacation, on the understanding that such vacation extends till the time of the commencement of the winter Term in the autumn of the present year. Which is agreed to.

We appoint David Buffum, Nathan Breed, Joseph [illegible] and William A. Robinson to advise in relation to the farming operations upon the school premises the ensuing Summer.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to make such propositions and suggestions in relation to the necessary repairs and alterations in the house and premises, have at this time presented a memorandum of various repairs alterations and emendations which it seems to them desirable to make. The Committee having examined said memorandum and considered the subject, it is apparent that much may be done in the way of alterations and repairs with great advantage to the school. Some of the proposed repairs are absolutely essential and others, some more and some less desirable. – In order to have the subject more thoroughly matured, we appoint William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gideon Smith, Gilbert Congdon, George Townsend Jr., David Buffum & Stephen A. Chase further to consider the same, taking the memorandum repor

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us with the assistance of such practical architect or mechanics as they may think best to consult, — and report as far as may be a definite view of such work as is practicable & expedient to undertake, with an estimate of the expenditure necessary to accomplish the same.-

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, John Osborn, Samuel Boyce, William C. Taber, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary B. Farnum, Rhoda Howland and Sarah F. Tobey to prepare an essay for the report of the School Committee to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.-

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk

Fifth Month 4th. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 5th. month 4th. 1852 - present 13 members viz. - David Buffum, Samuel Taylor Jr., Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, Nathan Breed, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Sarah F. Tobey and Ann B. Earle.

The following statements in relation to the late examination of the Schools at the close of the last winter Term are now made by members of the Committee present at that time, and being satisfactory they are directed to be recorded. (See next page)

The Committee continued to complete the arrangements with Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as by minute of last month report that the agreements are made as proposed.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting further to consider the subject of the repairs and improvements, necessary or expedient to undertake upon the School House and premises and to present the particulars of the same, with an estimate of the probable expense, have now presented a memorandum in

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detail of the various alterations and repairs necessary and proper to be undertaken as soon as may be, with an estimate of the probable expense of completing the same

We have carefully considered the subject and have come to the conclusion that it will be best to proceed in such of the proposed repairs and alterations upon the School House, out-buildings and premises as are earliest required and to proceed in all of them with such despatch as the interests of the Institution may require, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting & the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We thereupon appoint William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd To[illegible] Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] [illegible], George [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Nathan Breed, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a committee to proceed in the proposed work accordingly; authorizing them to make all necessary contracts and engagements in relation thereto and to see that the same are carried into execution.

And we appoint our friends Mary B. Farnum, Sarah F. To Ann B. Earle, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary C. Breed, Eunice Metcalf and [illegible] [illegible] to advise with and assist the above named Committee in the progress and accomplishment of the work.

Statements respecting the examination referred to on preceding page "Those of the Committee who were present at the examination of the classes in the Boys school are united in the opinion, that the results indicate faithful effort on the part of the teachers and successful application by the scholars. In several of the branches taught, especially in mathematics, the higher [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but in [illegible] grammar, composition and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that at the commencement of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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than usual, and hence we are inclined to the opinion, that the school improvement has been as great as heretofore.

"In behalf of the Committee
"Providence 5th mo. 4. 1852. Gilbert Congdon."

"To the School Committee"

"A portion of the Committee attended the examination in the East Wing, during which the various studies taught were brought more or less into view. A large number of the classes [illegible] were examined, generally very much to our satisfaction. Some of the pupils evinced much knowledge of the subjects under consideration, giving evidence of industry and perseverance on their part, [illegible] creditably on that of the Teachers. The examination as a whole was satisfactory."

"For the committee engaged in the East Wing"
"William A. Robinson"
"Sarah F. Tobey."

Signed on behalf of the School Committee
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.—

Sixth Month 1st. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House sixth month 1st. 1852 - Present 12 members viz. Nathan Breed, Gideon C. Smith, Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, [illegible], Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. [illegible], Sarah F. Tobey, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.—

The Committee appointed 3d. month 2d. to audit and settle the accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, now report as follows. viz.

"To the School Committee, The account of the Treasurer has been examined, and the income from the charitable Fund

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$\$393\frac{70}{100}$ transfered to the general account. – Of the $\$1806\frac{30}{100}$ in the Treasury last spring $\$1627\frac{49}{100}$ were paid to the Superintendent and settled in his account of that year.

"It appears that the Treasurer has hired of the Manufacturers Bank of Providence for the use of the School $2500. and is in advance to the School fund $\$51\frac{85}{100}$.

[illegible], Paid Supt. (for last year)	$1627.49	On hand Spring of 1851	– 1806.
" " (current year)	9800.00	Received as Interest –	6834.
" Interest Manf. Bank – –	9.17	Received of Manuf. Bank –	2500.
" Insurance on School House	150.00	Charitable fund –	393.7
		Due the Treasurer	– 51.85
	11.586.66		$11.586.66

"The accounts of the Superintendent have also been examined but owing to the mode in which they were kept and apparently for want of more care in keeping them, they were not found in so clear a state as would have been desirable. Not knowing that the Committee have found any thing affecting the pecuniary interests of the Institution. It appears that the receipts from all sources and the disbursements for the year [illegible] nearly as ascertained as follows, viz.-

On hand 6 mo 2.1851	$47.24	Expended for Repairs, Furniture, Provisions, Salaries, labour, oil, fuel, Stationary, Travelling fees paid to & money refunded Scholars, Contingent expenses Incidentals &c. &c. –	$15.558.3
From Treasr. (current year) – –	9800.00	Paid to [illegible] Atherton for the use of the School. – – – –	42.5
" Board & Tuition – – –	5699.53	Kept in Manuf. Bank	234.13
" Sundry articles sold	288.18		
	$15.834.95		$15.834.95

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William A. Robinson, One of the Comm

"It would appear that the sum of $\$3613\frac{22}{100}$ has been expended for repairs and furniture, besides some labour and board of persons employed not appearing in that account."-

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"The sum of $178\frac{81}{100}$ advanced S. Cornell in spring of 1851 were credited to the Institution and paid though not shown in the above account."

"In the hands of C. Atherton Recd of S. Cornell	42.52
" " " left in Bank	234" 13
	$276"65"

"Balance on Ledger in favour of the Institution say $360.- worth $200."

All which with the explanations by the Committee are satisfactory

The Committee appointed 4th month 13th. to prepare an essay for a report of the School Committee to the Yearly Meeting presented one as follows - which being read and considered was adopted, and the Clerk was requested to sign the same on our behalf and lay it before the Yearly Meeting.- viz.-

"To the Yearly Meeting:- The Committee for the superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence report that the objects of their appointment have received their attention. Meetings of the Committee have been held at the School House monthly, and the Schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee deputed to that service. The semi-annual Examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee.

"The deportment of the scholars, with few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the objects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English education - correct reading, spelling, and writing a good hand; while more advanced studies, including the Latin and Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c have been regularly taught.-

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A knowledge of the "Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school; and much labour has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well known and consistent practise in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.-

"The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, revised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several Monthly Meetings; and it is very desirable and important that Committees of the Monthly Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.-

"The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the school house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting 7th. month 1st. and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should, after that time until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. [illegible] this [illegible] likely in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meetings in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle more [illegible] their [illegible] in attending meetings [illegible] composed of many friends with whom they are not associated at their homes, and a meeting house in the public manner in which our members have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.-

"During the last summer, under the care of the committee having charge of repairs, new-ceiling a portion of the school house and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school house have been made, and have been found of much use in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school.

"At our meeting in the second month the committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the convenience, ~~of the house~~ health, and comfort of the family require; and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the school for the coming Summer term, for a thorough repair and renovation of the school-house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their consideration in relation thereto. That Meeting accordingly concluded that the school should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

"In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorized to proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are urgently required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

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"We have thought that at the present time it might be interestin
and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Mee
in the establishment of a School for the "Virtuous education" of the
youth of our Society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this
engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the
Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings.

"So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the
subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when officia
information was called for from the subordinate meetings in rela-
tion to the state of education among them. The next year 1780,
after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the estab-
lishment of a school; and it was recommended to "the several Quar-
terly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and vo-
luntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the
design and importance of the subject" — "and that it become the
care of Friends in future, in all the Meetings, to promote, annually,
subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income o
the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions
unnecessary".

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the
Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of
the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time
when Friends, in common with others, were labouring under many
difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then
existing between this country and Great Britain. Nevertheless,
in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and instructive
printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable
words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our child-
ren should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and
useful in the creation".

This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuni-
ary situation of most of our members at that time, and from
year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting
for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely

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of the income of property in its possession. A room in the Meeting house at Portsmouth R. I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11th month, 1784.

"A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say — "Besides the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of cleanliness, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, gentleness and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the "Holy Scriptures."

"The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for re-opening the school was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown viz:

Providence 4th. of 5th. mo. 1814.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends — As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, (though it hath frequently revived) in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting School has been repeatedly brought under my consideration. And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of truth, I have, for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about

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forty three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the Meeting should deem it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for sufferings which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best. As treasurer of the School Fund, I may ~~that appears~~ for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in in conformity to the mind of Truth that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude, your affectionate friend

Moses Brown"

"Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the School upon a more extended plan and more permanent basis than before, which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, "that the time had come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown."

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st. of 1st. month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is [illegible], viz. Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and Abraham Shearman, Jr.

"Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of Friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by [illegible] has been derived to the school.

"There are now many improvements and repairs proposed — all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.

"If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a subscription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this Institution — and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who, according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution alike intended for the benefit of all — and the usefulness [illegible] we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

"We have had during the past year in the school, the services of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents, — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boy's school, with the addition of John Henry [illegible] for the summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term.

"Deborah [illegible] and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls school, assisted during the winter term by Sarah [illegible].

"[illegible] the summer term by George [illegible] winter term by [illegible] Brownell.

Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as Teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Instruction [illegible] [illegible] in the
[illegible] [illegible]

"The average number of scholars has been 89, viz: 48 males and 41 females.

"The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the school fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the winter Term, have been—

By Superintendent, - - - - - - - -	$15,168.30	
Interest & Insurance pd. by Treasurer, - - -	159.17	
		$15.327.47
The income from the school fund, -	6.838.51	
Balance in Treas.^s hands last year -	178.81	
Received of Manufacturers Bank - - - - -	2.500.00	
Advanced by the Treasurer - - - - - - -	51.85	9.569.17
From board, tuition and other sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year - - -		6.034.95
		$15.604.12
Leaving unexpended in Superintendent's hands,		276.65
		$15.327.47

From income of legacies specially appropriated to the purpose, a further sum has been expended on the farm and premises, of - - - - - - - - - $390.00

We recommend that the Terms of last year for board and tuition be continued—books and stationery being charged at their cost, viz—for members of our yearly Meeting thirty Dollars per Term, for members of other yearly Meetings, fifty Dollars per Term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our yearly Meeting forty five Dollars per Term, and that the same rate be charged for any others who may be admitted; five dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for drawing. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term.—

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"That the amount to be appropriated, the coming year for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the Income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the Ninth and Third Months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

"We trust the cause of education, and the religious training of the youth of our society are held in unabated estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility rests.

"This institution for the guarded education of the youth of our society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has ~~[illegible]~~ shared so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will, we trust, continue to be the object of undiminished interest.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Sixth Month 18th. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee, holden at Newport 6th. month 18th. 1852 - By extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, it appears that the following Friends are appointed for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence the ensuing year viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr. William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor Jr., Rowland Gr David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams -

Of whom there are now present 30 - viz: Rowland Greene Samuel Taylor Jr. Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Caleb Jones, William C. Taber, William A. Robinson, Samuel Jones, John Osborne Joseph Metcalf, Tobias Meader, Nathan Breed, Gilbert Congdon, Benajah Buffum Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr. Stephen A. Chase, Mary B. Farnum, Hannah G. Sawyer, Rachel S. Howland, Lydia H. Jones, Lydia R. Kelly, Olivia C. Oliver, Mercy K. Wing, Rhoda Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna T. Dennis, and Phebe H. Meader. -

Stephen A. Chase is appointed Clerk of the Committee for the ensuing year. -

We conclude that the Meetings of the Committee be holden for the year as follows, viz: On third day before the first fifth day in each month, except in the fourth month. In that month the meeting to be holden on third day of the last week of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk. -

Sixth Month 29th. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House sixth Month 29th. 1852. Present 16 members viz: David Buffum, Gideon C. Smith, Rowland Greene, John Meader, Gilbert Congdon, [illegible], Nathan Breed, William S. Robinson, Samuel Boyce, Samuel B. Tobey, John Osborne, Stephen A. Chase, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, and Anna J. Dennis.-

The Committee appointed 5th. month 4th. to proceed in the proposed alterations and repairs about the School House and premises, now inform that a new building for a Barn and Stable has been contracted for and is now in process of erection of stone - under a contract for the completion of the same for $2.100.- And that the School Rooms in the East wing are now undergoing such alterations as will make on the Southerly side of the House one room the entire length of that wing. A new floor is directed to be laid in this room.-

The same Friends are continued a Committee to proceed in the work, and are requested to give their early attention to the same, according to a memorandum now agreed upon by the Committee.-

The Clerk is requested to prepare and address to the several Monthly Meetings a communication requesting information as to the number of scholars of each sex likely to enter the School for the next Term, and giving them the information of the number of scholars which in the opinion of the Committee the School can well accommodate, which we think ought not to exceed 80 of each sex - And for which arrangements as to Teachers can be made.

We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna J. Dennis, and Ann B. Earle, to consider of suitable friends to fill the station of Superintendents and [illegible] in the Institution, and to consult with such as they may deem suitable and report thereon at our next meeting.

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Our friend Charles Atherton is requested to prepare a catalogue of the pupils who have been inmates of the school since its first opening on the present location — also to see that the apparatus in the school, and the cabinets of minerals &c. are put in order.—

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Stephen A. Chase; Clerk.—

Eighth Month 3d. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the School House 8th. Month 3d. 1852.

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.

Present of the [illegible] Committee viz. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Edward [illegible] George Howland Jr. Mary E. Breed, Sarah F. Tobey, Anna T. Dennis, Ann B. Earle, and Eliza B. Boyce.—

The Committee appointed to make the proposed alterations and repairs about the School House & premises, Report, that said alterations and repairs are mostly in progress. The Ba is now nearly completed. New desks have been purchased and new bedsteads and mattresses for the scholars lodging rooms have been [illegible] [illegible] rooms in the east wing has been taken away and both rooms thrown into one. The windows in all parts of the house have been examined by the carpenters and set in good order; and other alterations agreed upon are being made.—

The Committee are continued and are desired to give such further attention to the subject as may appear needful and report to a future meeting.

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The Committee to consider of suitable Friends to fill the stations of Superintendent and Matron, report, "that in their opinion, if the Friends now [illegible] in those stations, engaged in the Institution, were to be able to discharge those duties, that a portion of the pecuniary management are expected to devolve upon the Friends in those stations; they having been heretofore performed by a Steward and Matron in public Institutions; among which may be mentioned, the keeping of the accounts, the care of the farm and buildings, the providing for the family, and the performance of those domestic duties [illegible] which appertain to their department". -

Which committee was [illegible] appointed [illegible] Thompson, William A. Robinson, [illegible] to confer with Levi and [illegible] to [illegible] and report the result of their interview with them to this meeting.

The engagement of a nurse for the Institution has claimed the attention of the Committee, but they are not prepared at the present time to report any plan definitely [illegible]

The Friends appointed to confer with Levi Varney and [illegible], report, that they are willing to engage to serve the Institution as Steward and Matron and to perform the duties defined in the preceding minute for the sum of $350. per annum; which [illegible] are [illegible] appointed to fill those stations. The engagement to take effect at the commencement of the next year. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Samuel [illegible]

C. [illegible]

[illegible]

Eighth Month 31. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House [illegible] 8th month 31 1852 Present [illegible] John Osborne, [illegible] [illegible] Gaber, Edward Earle, David Buffum Gilbert Congdon, [illegible] [illegible] Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce.

Charles Atherton now in charge of the School House [illegible] progress in the work on repairs now going on, as on fi[illegible] It appears that the proposed work is either in progress or arranged for.

The Committee having charge of engaging a suitable friend as nurse, now inform that they [illegible] that [illegible] friend for that station, and that she is disposed to eng[illegible] herself therein for the compensation of Two Dollars and fifty cents a week. [illegible] are desired to complete the engagement with her as a nurse in the Institution, with the understanding that [illegible] have usually been performed by the nurse.-

A number of applications for the admission of scholars [illegible] the Committee and conclusions made as entered in the book for applications, with respect to those applying, mem[illegible] of our own Yearly Meeting.- The applications for admissio[illegible] [illegible] are members of our own Yearly Meeting; [illegible] being entitled to the preference in [illegible]

[illegible]

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The following circular has been forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings in pursuance of the minute of sixth mo. 29th

Viz. Providence 8th Mo. 31. 1852

To Friends of [illegible] Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends,

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence being vacated during the past Summer for the purpose of making some [illegible] repairs, [illegible] at the time of the commencement of the coming Winter Term, on Second day the first of Eleventh Month next.

[illegible]

[illegible] of each sex, not exceeding that number the Committee [illegible] in their arrangements.

Monthly Meetings are requested to inform us as early as may be as practicable what number of scholars will be sent, as those who apply first will take the precedence in case of a larger number of applicants than can [illegible]

[illegible]

Signed on behalf of the [illegible]

[illegible]

Tenth Month 5th. 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House 5th. of 10th. mo. 1852.

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyce was appointed Clerk for the day.-

Present at this time 21 members - viz.- Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, John Osborn, David Buffum, Nathan [illegible], William S. Tober, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Samuel [illegible] George Howland Jr., Gilbert Congdon, John [illegible] Gray, Samuel Tay[illegible] Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Mary E. Breed, Rhoda [illegible] Sarah B. Tobey, Eliza H. Boyce, Ann R. [illegible] and Anna [illegible]

Charles Atherton now in charge of the Institution and the premises, has forwarded a report, from which we make the following extract viz. "The Committee are not [illegible] informed, that we have sustained a great loss by the destruction of our barn and two other small buildings by fire on the morning of the 29th. ult. The wooden buildings were entirely consumed. In the stone barn the exertions of the firemen were successful in saving a part of the floor, and all the timbers that supported it; none of the latter were damaged [illegible] to prevent them from being used again.

"The fire [illegible] that it was impossible to save our horses.

"It is estimated that more than twenty tons of hay were destroyed. [illegible]

"Of the origin of the fire we are in utter ignorance. No one had been to the barn with a light that morning, nor is any one of our men in the practice of smoking.

[illegible] stock!"

And the Committee, taking into consideration that the hay is all destroyed, deem it advisable, that the [illegible] owned by the Institution, be disposed of, except two or three of the cows, and that [illegible] practicable: and we appoint our friends Joseph Metcalf

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David Buffum and William [illegible] to assist the Steward ~~Matron~~ in carrying these suggestions into effect.

The Committee to have charge of making repairs and improvements about the premises, are requested to repair the [illegible], and put it in a condition suitable for use.-

From the report of Clemons Allerton it appears, that the repairs, improvements and alterations to be made in the School House, are now nearly completed, and that the [illegible] will probably be [illegible] for the opening of the winter Term. The Clerk is directed to place the report on file.-

The subject of lighting the School Rooms, claiming our attention at this time, We appoint William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey and Gilbert Congdon to take the matter into consideration, and to make such arrangements in relation thereto as they may deem advisable.-

Applications for the admission of Scholars, both from our own and other Yearly Meetings, have been before the Committee for consideration and conclusions come to, as entered upon the application book.-

Eighteen Monthly Meetings have applied for the privilege of sending scholars upon the income of the charitable fund, and the number of scholars thus applied for is 26 - out of which 14 have been selected who are to have the privilege of attending either the winter or the next summer term [illegible] the privilege of sending one scholar each, for the Summer term of the present year, [illegible] to improve the privilege either the next Term or the next succeeding.

The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to the several Monthly Meetings from which applications have been made.-

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The Committee continued to complete the arrangement for a nurse, report that they have engaged Mary Jenkins, to enter the Institution in that capacity, the engagement of the nurse for the term previous to our next meeting were $2.00 per week.

Samuel Hays
Clerk for the day